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SERIOUS NONNI RIVER FIGHTING.

ALLEGED ATTACK BY CAVALRY.

JAPANESE DRIVE.

Mudken, Nov. 16.
Skirmishing at Nonni River continues while official Japanese reports declare that Chinese cavalry are now taking part in the activities and are making attacks.

Chinese reports from Harbin and other trouble centres all accuse the Japanese of initiating the offensive, while Japanese headquarters explain that their outposts at Nonni River are in contact with the Chinese position.

These outposts are equipped with three-inch guns which are reported to be busy driving off the Heilungkiang cavalry which are threatening the Japanese flanks.

Japanese Losses.
Two skirmishes took place yesterday, entailing a small number of casualties, and bringing up the Japanese losses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to seven killed and ten wounded.

The fighting assumed more serious proportions on Sunday morning, when the Japanese command decided to dispose of the Chinese forces, and drove 4,000 of the Chinese mounted fighters several miles to the north east and captured the village of Chienkumli, fifteen miles north-east of Nonni Bridge. Here they have established an outpost.

The casualties resulting from this affair has not yet been reported.—*Reuter.*

Broad Lines for Settlement.

Geneva, Nov. 15.
It is felt in Geneva that the Manchurian problem will have to be attacked on broad lines in order to effect a settlement of the various questions connected with the issue, which will naturally take some time.—*Reuter.*

GOLDEN WEDDING.

SIR ROBERT AND LADY HO TUNG.

Sir Robert and Lady To Tung are celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on Wednesday, December 2, when a reception is being given at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

TWO TYPHOONS ABOUT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the typhoon appears to be about 600 miles east of Aparai moving N.E. There are indications of another forming near Guam. The anticyclone over North China has strengthened and spread southward.



A remarkable picture of H.M.S. Petersfield, taken a few hours after she had struck the rocks at Tung Yung Island. It gives a vivid impression of the rough weather conditions prevailing and shows the superstructure of the doomed ship practically submerged. Note the flag flying.

HONGKONG CURRENCY MISSION'S REPORT.

OPPOSED TO IMMEDIATE STABILISATION.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFORM OF SYSTEM.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF SILVER RESERVE.

THE REPORT of the Commission appointed by the Secretary of State to enquire into and advise upon the question of Hongkong currency was released for publication this morning.

The various matters discussed are dealt with in considerable detail and as far as possible in non-technical language.

The Mission advises against the immediate stabilisation of the dollar, recommends important changes in the management of Hongkong's currency, and the establishment of a Currency Board for the Colony.

Among the responsibilities of the proposed Currency Board would be the creation of a Sterling Fund and the taking of other steps likely to render possible an immediate change-over from a silver to a gold currency should the change, in the future, be deemed necessary. The Mission strongly opposes the stabilisation of the dollar at a figure higher than the ruling rate when the change is effected.

CREATION OF STERLING FUND.

After a brief introduction the Commissioners give an account of the events which led up to their appointment and formulate the problem under examination in the following terms:—

- (1) Whether it would be desirable to change the basis of Hongkong currency from silver to gold.
- (2) If it is not both desirable and practicable to make this change now or in the immediate future, what if any reforms in the existing currency system should be adopted.
- (3) What if any steps should be taken in preparation for a change-over to gold in the future, if for instance China "went gold" or for any other reason.

Against Immediate Stabilisation.

As regards (1) they first consider the general arguments put forward in favour of stabilisation and come to the conclusion that by far the most important matter to be considered in determining the desirability or otherwise of changing Hongkong currency to a gold standard is the effect which such a change might be expected to produce on the trade and financial position of the Colony.

They accordingly examine the effect of stabilisation on the business of Hongkong. (1) as a port, (2) as a place of law and order and a city of refuge, (3) as a producing centre, (4) as a financial and trading centre, breaking up the subject matter of (4) in its turn into 5 heads:—(a) imports into South China, (b) trade between North and South China, (c)

remittances from Chinese communities overseas, (d) primary production and small trades and industries in South China, (e) exports from South China.

Their conclusion is that, while stabilisation would facilitate the conduct of certain classes of business within the Colony, it would gravely prejudice the import and export trade of South China, conducted or financed through Hongkong, which is the sheet anchor of the Colony's prosperity, and would affect injuriously many other branches of business; and they therefore advise against it.

H.K. Currency's Position.

The Commissioners next describe the present currency system of Hongkong and point out that it must be considered in its relations to the currency systems of China.

After some remarks on the use of Hongkong currency in China they give an account of the functions of the Hongkong dollar as an exchange currency and draw special attention to the fact that it supplies the lack of a fully developed exchange currency in parts of South China.

Defects of Present System.

They then describe what seem to be the defects of the present currency system and make the following proposals for its reform:—

- (1) the legal tender status of the dollar coin to be limited to \$10;
- (2) bank-notes to be made unlimited legal tender;

- (3) notes to be convertible into silver bullion;
- (4) notes to be obtainable for silver bullion;
- (5) Government to take charge of the silver reserves of the notes issues;
- (6) silver bullion presented in future in exchange for notes to be handed to the Government;
- (7) a Hongkong Currency Board to be set up.

Token Coins.

They then give further details of proposals relating to coin and make a suggestion that the existing issue of silver subsidiary coins should be withdrawn and replaced by an issue of base-metal token coins and then follow further details of their proposals relating to notes.

The Mission next make recommendations for the accumulation of a sterling fund by the Currency Board with the object of preparing for the ultimate conversion of Hongkong currency to a gold basis, if and when it appears desirable.

Banking Legislation.

Finally they offer some miscellaneous observations on the rate at which the dollar should ultimately be stabilized; on the question of a parallel sterling note issue, on the need for banking legislation in the Colony; and on the fixation of bullion points under their scheme and its effects on exchange speculation.

Following are extracts from the report, including the main recommendations:—

"To stabilize or not to stabilize" is to-day probably one of the most widely-debated questions in Hongkong, affecting as it does, directly or indirectly, the fortunes of nearly every section of the community.

Conversion Argument.

The argument for conversion to a gold basis is sometimes based on the view that gold is the only true measure of value. This proposition may not always have been stated in so brief and absolute a form, but it would seem to have been tacitly assumed as true by several writers in the press, and the opinion has been expressed that silver, being a commodity, is not a suitable basis for a monetary system. While, however, silver is only a commodity in terms of a gold currency, it may equally well be said that gold is only a commodity in terms of a silver currency. Few would deny the general proposition that gold is the most satisfactory measure of value which the world has yet found, but it cannot be accepted as self-evident that gold is always and for all countries the most satisfactory measure, or that the con-



This picture of the Petersfield wreck shows the Admiral's yacht hard on the rocks soon after the grounding. The vessel, as can be seen, steamed right into the bay. The black speck in the water at the left is one of the ship's boats, taking survivors ashore. A picture of the craft before the disaster is given on the Back Page.

THE SCORE BOARD.

DETAILS UP TO THE TIFFIN SPELL.

The scores in the Interport Match as appended:

Hongkong—1st Innings.

O. G. Simpson, b Leach	25
E. C. Fincher, lb.w., Booth	23
Lieut. A. H. Merson, c Madar, b Booth	16
Lieut. A. C. Hamilton, lb.w., Booth	16
H. Owen Hughes, c Wilson, b Leach	24
T. E. Pearce, b Leach	3
Lieut. J. K. MacFarlan, b Booth	4
J. E. Richardson, c Wilson, b Leach	5
F. D. Pereira, b Leach	6
A. Reid, c Coward, b Booth	4
A. C. L. Bowker, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	138

Fall of wickets: 1 (Simpson) for 36; 2 (Merson) for 67; 3 (Fincher) for 68; 4 (Hamilton) for 109; 5 (Owen Hughes) for 117; 6 (Pearce) for 120; 7 (MacFarlan) for 124; 8 (Pereira) for 129; 9 (Richardson) for 134; 10 (Reid) for 138.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	9	2	32	—
Isaacs	6	1	23	—
Leach	17	4	30	5
Madar	4	—	20	—
Booth	13.2	6	27	5

Shanghai—1st Innings.

S. R. Kernani, c Owen Hughes, b Richardson	28
P. V. Simpson, lb.w., Bowker	27
P. Madar, b Reid	34
A. J. Barson, c MacFarlan, b Richardson	0
H. A. Coward, c Pearce, b Merson	0
D. W. Leach, c Simpson, b Richardson	50
R. Booth, b Bowker	2
C. J. Merritt, b Bowker	8
B. V. Murray not out	24
J. A. Isaacs, b Hamilton	21
F. W. R. Wilson, c Owen Hughes, b Hamilton	27
Extras	27
Total	237

Fall of Wickets: 1/53; 2/63; 3/65; 4/103; 5/128; 6/137; 7/167; 8/195; 9/233; 10/237.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pereira	13	4	30	0
Reid	19	3	46	1
Hamilton	4.3	3	5	2
Owen Hughes	5	1	31	0
Richardson	14	1	48	3
Bowker	20	4	42	3
Merson	5	2	8	1

Hongkong—2nd Innings.

Simpson not out	11
Fincher not out	5
Extras	1
Total (for 2 wicket)	17

LATEST SCORE.

At 2.10 p.m. the score was:—
31 for 0 wkt.

version of the currency of a country from a silver to a gold basis will invariably be to its advantage.

De-Stabilization.

It is pertinent to observe that (Continued on Page 7.)

SHANGHAI LEAD BY 99 RUNS.

DONALD LEACH BATS FINELY FOR 59: BOWKER IN FORM.

HONGKONG'S BIG TASK.

SOME WONDERFUL keen cricket was seen in the Interport this morning. At the tiffin adjournment, Hongkong had partially retrieved the serious position in which they found themselves on Saturday evening, Shanghai's last six wickets falling for an addition of 109 runs.

Shanghai thus led by 99 runs on the first innings, an advantage which was reduced to 82 by Simpson and Fincher who obtained 17 runs without loss before the teams went in to tiffin.

Bowker bowled with marked success, "coming off" at a critical time, while Hamilton finished off the Shanghai innings quickly on being put on, and returned an analysis of two wickets for five runs.

THIS MORNING'S PLAY DESCRIBED.

Leach (21) and Madar (31), the not outs found the wicket some what faster than on Saturday. Bowker opened from the Naval Yard end to Leach, who was content to play himself in. Madar faced Reid, who with his fourth delivery dislodged the batsman's stumps with a well pitched up leg break. Madar, who went in first wicket down on Saturday played a patient innings after a shaky start. 128-5-31.

Owen Hughes Drops Booth. Booth joined his captain, and offered Owen Hughes a catch at second slips off the first ball he received but the fielder made his second misjudgment of the match. Leach made the opening run of the day, hitting to cover off a full toss from Bowker. Scoring was on the slow side, the first ten minutes producing but two runs to send 130 up, the innings having been in progress two hours and 25 minutes.

Bowker sent down another maiden to Leach and during Reid's third, Booth pulled him to leg for two. A short ball from Bowker's next over was pulled to the Ladies' Pavilion by Leach. After Leach scored a single to third man.

Booth Bowled. Booth had his off stump knocked out of the ground by Bowker. The second wicket fell twenty minutes after the start.—137-6-2.

Merritt partnered Leach, who played a maiden off Reid, while the incoming batsman defended stubbornly against Bowker until a leg ball was glanced for two to pass Hongkong's score. Leach registered his 30 with a four off Reid past point, 140 being signalled at the same time, twenty eight minutes after the resumption this morning.

With four to the leg boundary from Bowker, Merritt sent up 150 nine minutes later.

Stumping Missed.

Pearce just missed stumping Merritt off Reid, putting the wicket down but missing the ball. Bowker bowled his third maiden in seven overs to Leach after Reid had conceded a single, the batsmen playing the bowling with great caution. Reid's next over was also a maiden, Leach refusing to take any risks.

Dull Play.

The next fifteen minutes saw Shanghai playing dull cricket scoring but seven runs. The fielding, however, was exceptionally good several runs being saved. With the fifth ball of his ninth over Bowker clean bowled Merritt.—157-7-8.

A single off Reid to long field gave Leach 40. Murray kept everything off his wicket but left the wide balls entirely alone. A pretty shot by Leach past point to the public stands off Bowker made the score 162 in three hours and ten minutes.

Leach's Fifty.

Reid conceded four byes and a four by Leach to the Pavilion saw 170 go up. Off Reid's fifth delivery the Shanghai captain pulled the bowler to Queen's Road and was applauded on taking his contribution past the half century mark. After Bowker had been bowling for an hour, he was taken off in favour of Pereira, whose (Continued on Page 9.)

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YOUNG ARCHITECT KILLED.

**MR. K. K. STAPLE OF
PALMER & TURNER.**

A terrible motor accident oc-
curred yesterday on the island
road between Deep Water and
Repulse Bays.

Mr. K. K. Staple, of Messrs.
Palmer & Turner, the architects,
was severely injured and suc-
cumbed before medical aid could
reach him.

The tragedy occurred at about
11 a.m. when motorists, on their
Sunday outing, came upon the car,
a four-seater touring Armstrong-
Siddley, No. 193, a few hundred
yards on the Deep Water Bay side
of the island road's junction
with the Repulse Bay Road. The
car had fetched up violently
against a tree off the outer side
of the road, and Mr. Staple was
lying unconscious and bleeding
badly, while his companion, his
sister-in-law, was attending him.
In the distressed state in which
the lady, Miss Isabella Warbrick,
was, it was difficult to obtain a
clear account of what had hap-
pened, but apparently the car had
got out of control.

The road where the mishap
occurred turns sharply and rises,
and the impact with the tree must
have been terrific, for the car was
firmly jammed into it, the driving
wheel was shattered and the wind-
screen glass scattered in all direc-
tions. A wheel of the car was
adrift.

Lady Driving.

Mr. Staple was, it is understood,
teaching his sister-in-law to drive,
and the latter was at the wheel.
The car was proceeding from Deep
Water Bay towards Repulse Bay.
Whether a wheel came off or in
what other manner she lost con-
trol is unknown, but the car ap-
parently swerved across the road,
and but for the trees might have
gone down the cliff into the har-
bour. As it was, Mr. Staple seems
to have been flung into the wind-
screen. He was cut about the
face and had a deep wound in his
throat, apparently severing a blood
vessel.

Miss Warbrick, who is a nurse
at the Peak Hospital, managed to
get Mr. Staple out of the car, and
very quickly other cars began to
arrive to find her greatly distressed,
suffering from cuts herself and
frantically endeavouring to check
his bleeding.

Among the first to arrive on the
scene were Mr. Thomas, of the
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs,
Mr. W. G. Bree, of the Asiatic
Petroleum Company, and Mr.
Howitt. The nearest house is Mr.
G. P. Lammer's ("Over Bays")
and people came down from there
to help. A police officer from
Pokfulam was also quickly on the
scene.

Ice was obtained to staunch Mr.
Staple's bleeding and messengers
were sent to Repulse Bay and to
Deep Water Bay for restoratives,
an ambulance and a doctor.
A motor ambulance was sent
out from Central, and Mr.
Staple's bleeding having appar-
ently stopped, it was considered bet-
ter not to move him in a car, lest
the bleeding recur, but to wait for
the ambulance. He did not re-
cover consciousness, and when the
ambulance arrived, he was pro-
nounced dead.

Miss Warbrick Injured.

Miss Warbrick herself received
serious injuries to her chest
through being cut by the flying
glass. She was later taken to
hospital.

Mr. Kenneth Kingsley Staple,
born in 1889, saw active war ser-

DASH TO CAPE ENDS IN FAILURE.

MOLLISON MAKES A FORCED LANDING.

Cairo, Nov. 15.
Mr. J. A. Mollison made a forced
landing in a maize field near
Minia, in Upper Egypt, last night.
The airman is safe, but his
machine is reported to be wrecked.

The damage to Mollison's plane
has forced him to abandon his
attempt on a London-Cape town
record.

He crossed the coastline at El
Soloum, and passed over Cairo at
4 p.m. yesterday, following the
Nile southward en route to Khur-
toun.

The petrol pump of his reserve
tank broke, and he was forced to
land near Minia, 150 miles from
Cairo. He was thrown out by the
force of the impact; and the
machine's propeller, rudder and
top of the plane were smashed,
putting a continuation of the
flight out of the question.

Mollison has decided to have his
machine repaired at Cairo, and to
return to England by air.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

A WELL-KNOWN SWATOW MERCHANT.

The foreign community at
Swatow has suffered a heavy loss
in the death of Mr. Thomas Carr
Ramsey, who passed away on
November 12 at the age of 71
years. Mr. Ramsey is survived by
his wife, Mrs. Ella M. Ramsey, for
whom deep sympathy will be felt
in her bereavement.

Mr. Ramsey was in business as
a merchant in Swatow, where he
had resided for many years. He
was held in great respect both in
Swatow and Hongkong, and his
passing will cause deep regret in
both places.

Among the well-known concerns
which his firm represents are the
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and British Dominions Insurance
Co., Ltd., the Assurance Franco-
Asiatique, l'Urbaine Insurance
Co., and the Cheong Yue S.S. Co.,
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With the Canadian Ex-
peditionary Forces in France,
Discharged in 1919, he joined the
Hongkong Government Service in
the same year as a second class
overseer. He arrived in the
Colony in September of that year.
In 1922, he was appointed a First
Class Overseer, and in 1923, he
was appointed to the Architectural
Office. He left the Government
service in 1925, and later joined
Messrs. Palmer and Turner. He
recently supervised the construc-
tion of the War Memorial Hos-
pital.

Mr. Staple was a married man
and lived with his wife and two
children at Braemar Terrace,
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sympathy will be felt for them in
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memorate Armistice Day.

His Excellency the Governor at-
tended the ceremony at the Cenotaph,
during which he laid a wreath in
honour of those who fell during the

Great War. Lady Peel was also pre-
sent.

His Excellency the Governor at-
tended the ceremony at the Chinese
War Memorial in the Botanical
Gardens, and laid a wreath on the
Memorial in honour of those Chinese
who fell for the Allied Cause during
the Great War.

Thursday, 12th November.
His Excellency the Governor pre-
sided at the meeting of the Executive
Council.

Friday, 13th November.

His Excellency the Governor and
Lady Peel, accompanied by Mr. A. E.
Wood (A.S.C.A.) visited the Kwong
Wa Hospital and the To Kwong Girls'
School in Kowloon.

His Excellency the Governor pre-
sided at a meeting of the University
Council.

Saturday, 14th November.
His Excellency the Governor at-
tended the Interport Cricket Match
between Hongkong and Shanghai.
Mr. Barrow left Government
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Mr. Stanley Baldwin speaking in support of Miss Thelma Cassel, the Conservative candidate in the Islington East Division.—Times Copyright.

GUILTY LIPS

by LAURA LOU BROOKMAN Author of "MAD MARRIAGE"

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Pretty Norma Kent, 26-year-old secretary, married Mark Travers, son of F. M. Travers, millionaire estate dealer, in spite of the father's opposition and threat to disinherit Mark.

The story opens in Marlboro, middle western metropolis. Mark tells his expensive mother to get money for the honeymoon and he and Norma go to fashionable Blue Springs. There Norma meets Hollis Stone, and it is evident from the girl's manner that she has known Stone before and for some reason seems to fear him.

Their money is soon gone, partly due to Mark's spending. With \$500 borrowed from Stone the couple return to Marlboro. Mark sets out on a round of pleasure seeking, introducing Norma to Natalie Price, a delinquent who has long hoped to marry Mark. When their funds dwindle again Mark and Norma move to a cheap apartment. Mark begins to hunt work seriously. He gets one job and loses it. Then he becomes a floor-walker in Blossomdale's department store. Norma practices tight economies at home. When Mark's mother comes to call on them and sees the young man to seek reconciliation with his father Mark refuses. He and Norma spend a happy Thanksgiving Day together. A few days later George Johnson, an employee of the older Travers, comes to Mark and tells him his father wants to see him. Reluctantly Mark goes to his father's office.

CHAPTER XXVIII

Travers eyed his son levelly. "When I make a bargain, I expect fair return for my money. Otherwise I'm not interested. And if you agree to what I'm suggesting I'll expect you to keep that agreement as rigidly as any business contract."

"Let's hear those terms you mentioned."

"All right. Here they are. You are to return to employment in this organization on exactly an equal footing with other employees. Your salary will be fixed on a basis of your work. If at the end of a year I am convinced you have in you the making of a real business man you will come into the company as a junior officer with a certain amount of stock to your credit. It will be a year of hard work, possibly in half a dozen different departments. I will issue strict orders no favours are to be shown you because you happen to bear my name. Well—what do you think of it?"

"Father! You honestly mean this?"

"Would I be sitting here wasting hours when I might be much more comfortable at home if I didn't mean it!"

Emotion he could not find words for overwhelmed Mark Travers. He flushed. "Gee, Dad, that's—that's white of you!" he exclaimed. "I want to tell you I've been sorry a good many times for the things I said that night—I didn't mean what I said—!"

"No? Then forget it! I've said things I didn't mean and been sorry about them. Forget it, Mark. It's been hard on your mother, though, to have you away."

"I know, I'm sorry for that too. Oh, Dad—I'll take you up on this thing! I'll show you I can make good too! You'll see that I've changed about a lot of things—!"

The elder Travers was on his feet, hand outstretched. He took Mark's hand in his and shook it firmly. "Then it's agreed," he said. "When can you start?"

"Why—why almost any time. I'll tell them I'm quitting to-morrow at Blossomdale's." The red of his cheeks deepened. "You know, I suppose, that's where I've been."

The answer was a grunt that might have been interpreted. "Heard something of the sort."

"Dad!" Mark exclaimed jubilantly. "Gee, I can't believe this has happened! I don't know what to say to you. It's—it's wonderful!"

If the elder Travers were equally moved he restrained all signs of it. "So it's settled, then," he

said, stepping back and heaving a sigh of satisfaction. "Remember those terms—one year without favours, unquestioning obedience to superiors and hard work."

"I'll show you, Dad!" Mark was grinning broadly. "Those terms—why they're nothing at all! I'll show you!"

"Fine. By the way," (the father's eye narrowed slightly as he spoke) "your first job will be something a little out of the ordinary. Not at all unpleasant, I hope. It's a little piece of special work I want you to do for me."

"What is it?"

"Sit down," Travers dropped to his desk chair, waved the young man to one beside it. "I told you if you agreed to my terms it would mean a year of hard work. You've already agreed. Today's Wednesday, isn't it? Tell them at Blossomdale's you're quitting Saturday. Monday you can begin here. Then Tuesday at midnight you sail for Liverpool."

"Dad!"

Travers was nodding. "Tuesday at midnight," he repeated. "You have your passport, haven't you?"



Returned at the previous election with a majority of 43, Sir Austen Chamberlain, who is depicted here canvassing in Birmingham West, increased that to very much more handsome figures.—(Times copyright).



Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, sought his return to Parliament through the Seaham electors, and did not ask in vain. Here he is shown in the company with some of the Haswell Plough constituents.—Times Copyright.

I'll have everything else arranged. Monday you'll be in Liverpool."

"But what on earth—" Mark cut in. "I don't know what you're talking about!"

"No. But I'm going to tell you. Promised to obey instructions, didn't you? Promised to tackle any job without favouritism! This first assignment, as I said, is a little unusual. I hope it isn't going to prove difficult. Now here's what I'm getting at—!"

The father paused long enough to touch a match to his cigar. "I sent Johnson to tell you to come here today for two reasons," he continued. "One because, well, you're the only son your mother and I have. Maybe I seem a harsh man sometimes. I'm not so bad in-

side. Anyhow your mother and I need you, Mark. That's one reason I sent for you. The other is this business in Spain."

"You remember—maybe you don't though—that Jules was in this country for a Spanish copper mining concern when Alicia met him? Looking for American capital. Well, he persuaded me to go into the thing rather heavily. That was two years ago. Going on three now and it's been a bigger loss every year. It's come to the place where I've got to know what's going on—"

Mark had been following the words wide-eyed. "But, Dad, I don't know anything about copper mining!"

"No. You don't. It isn't going to be necessary. I've got a man who knows all about it going over next month. You see, Mark, I can stand the loss. They come and we take them and fight it out on some other line. I can stand the loss. What I'm sending you over there for is to find out just how much Jules is in on this business. I want to know if the deal is square. If it is—well go on with it and fight. If Alicia's husband in spite of his high-sounding titles is just another foreign crook I want to know that too."

"You'll go over there ahead of Moffett, the engineer. There's been nothing said or done as yet to arouse suspicion. That's why the trip must be made at this time.

And you're the one to make it. Don't you see I can't send an ordinary employee over there and tell him what's in my mind about my own son-in-law? Besides, you can go about with Jules as an employee could—"

"It's a spring job you're asking me to undertake, is it?"

"Now wait a minute! Not so hot-headed. It's nothing on earth but a straight business deal. I want you to go to France for three weeks, drop over at this mine and have a look at it, go to see Jules and Alicia and make certain inquiries about Jules. It's a thing that's done every day in business. A man has to know his associate are honest. If they're dishonest

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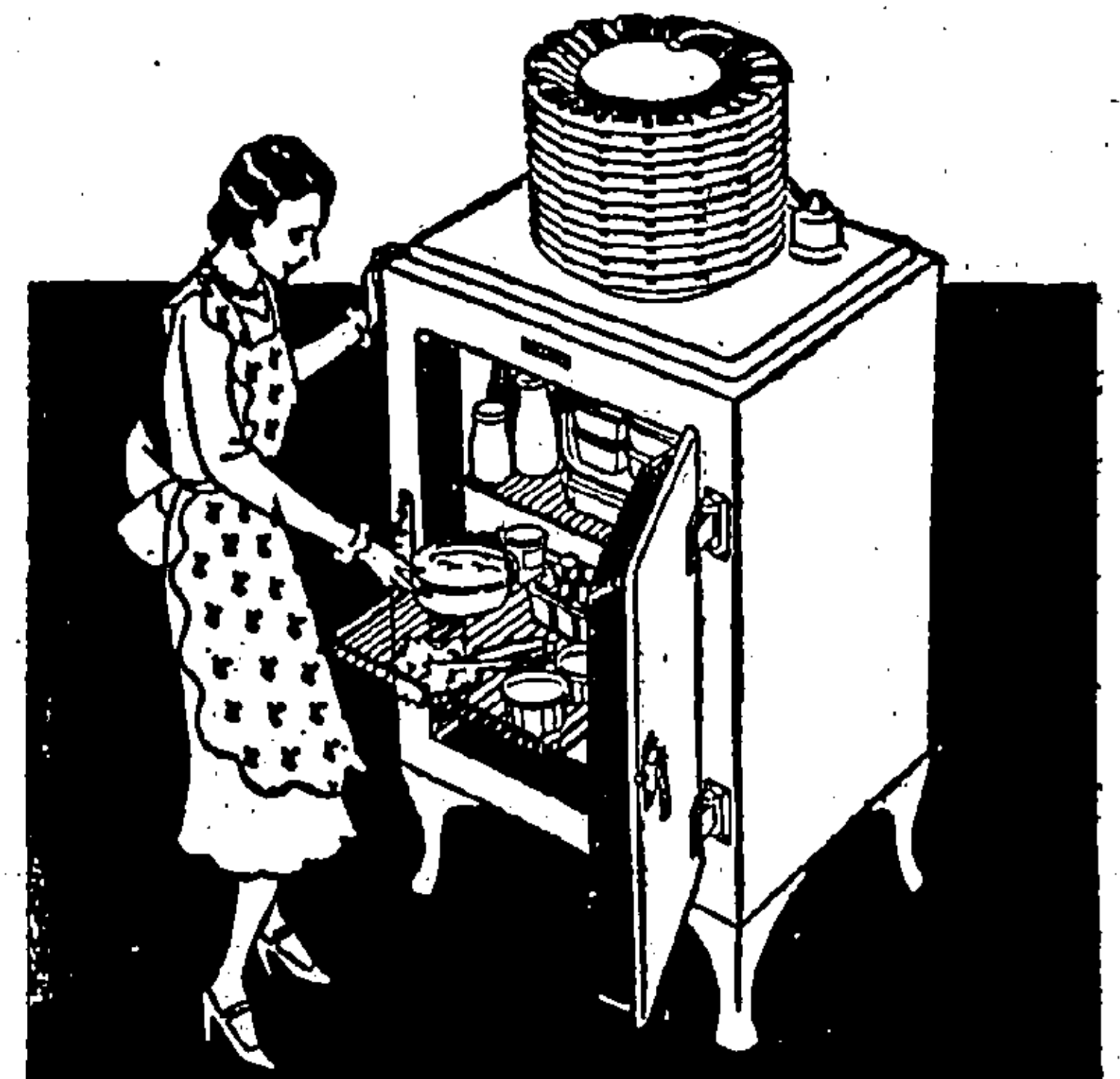
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sons, and concerning the work of
my hands command ye me. I have
made the earth, and created man
upon it. I, even my hands, have
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Virginia Cherrill, the beautiful
blonde who is playing one of the
leading feminine roles in "Girls
Demand Excitement", now showing
at the King's Theatre, believes that
the law of averages works out to
disadvantage at times.

Although she has been two years
in pictures, Miss Cherrill has never
before been on the talking screen.
Due to the fact that she was engaged
for two full years playing the
feminine lead in Chaplin's picture,
"City Lights". During the entire
two years, Miss Cherrill claims she
never experienced a California
cold and if she had it would not
have made any great difference be-
cause she was playing that length of
time in a silent picture.

In "Girls Demand Excitement"
she has her first talking role and
the first week of production she
annexed a cold which ended in the
complete loss of her voice of three
days.

"Imagine that break", moans
Miss Cherrill, but Seymour Felix,
the director, is a man of a makeup
to meet emergencies when they
arise and he switched sequences,
thereby not having to lose a day
of his scheduled shooting.

"Girls Demand Excitement" is a
story of college life with the boys
of the university banded against
coeds, the climax coming in a
sensational basket ball game almost
won by the girls. John Wayne of
"The Big Trail" fame plays the
lead, with Marguerite Churchill
also featured.

Included in the supporting cast
are such well-known actors as
William Janney, Eddie Nugent,
Helen Jerome Eddy, Marlon Byron,
and Terrance Ray.

"Just a Gigolo."

Love and dancing lessons mix
in an hilarious comedy situation
that blends with straight romance
in "Just a Gigolo", in which
William Haines is starring at the
Queen's Theatre shortly.

Adapted from the Belasco stage
hit, "Dancing Partner", the new
picture presents Haines as a
British nobleman who poses as a
rogue in an attempt to "test" the
girl he plans to marry—and who
gets a slap in the face that opens
the gate to his life romance.

Whimsical comedy blends with
heart interest; Haines clownes de-
lightfully, and in other parts
of the picture contributes some
of the finest dramatic acting of
his career. Much of the charm of
the original Broadway produc-
tion is retained through the fact
that two members of the original
stage cast, Irene Purcell, who
plays the heroine, and Charlotte
Granville, as the mother, are in
the picture.

Director Jack Conway succeeded
in keeping all the stage values,
with an air of eloquence, a fox hunt,
and such incidentals adding extra
colour.

The cast is a notable one. Besides
the two stage celebrities, it in-
cludes C. Aubrey Smith, remember-
ed in "The Bachelor Father," who
plays Haines' rich uncle; Lillian
Bond in a vamp role, Maria Alba
and Albert Conti as the excitable
French couple, Ray Milland, Lenore
Bushman, Gerald Fielding and Yola
Dewell.

Haines' characterization is that
of a young scion of British nobility,
with an American background, a
role unlike any in his entire career.
The humour of the play is subtle,
and Haines plays the part almost
"straight", relying on situations
to win his laughs.

"The Brat."
Most screen directors, like most
screen players, identify themselves
with certain types of work. One
will achieve a reputation for direct-
ing comedies, another for Western
and "action" pictures, another for
society dramas, and so on.

Some directors, however, are
versatile enough to gain promi-
nence in more than one class of
picture. John Ford, for example,
has been connected with the Fox
organization for the past twelve
years, and during that time has
directed 33 films, ranging from the
epic "Iron Horse" and the heart-
stirring "Four Sons" which won
the Photoplay gold medal as the
best picture of 1928, to the riotous
satire of "Up The River."

Ford's latest production, "The
Brat", which begins local engage-
ment next Wednesday at the King's
Theatre is of a still different type,
the romantic comedy. With Sally
O'Neill in the title role and a
brilliant cast, this versatile
megaphonist has turned out an-
other success from the well known
play by Maude Fulton.

Frank Albertson and Allan Dine-
hart share leading honours with
Miss O'Neill in "The Brat", which
Sonya Lovien and S. N. Behrman
adapted for the screen. William
Collier, Sr. June Collyer, Virginia
Cherrill and Farrell Macdonald are
also featured. Mary Forbes,
Albert Gran and other favourites
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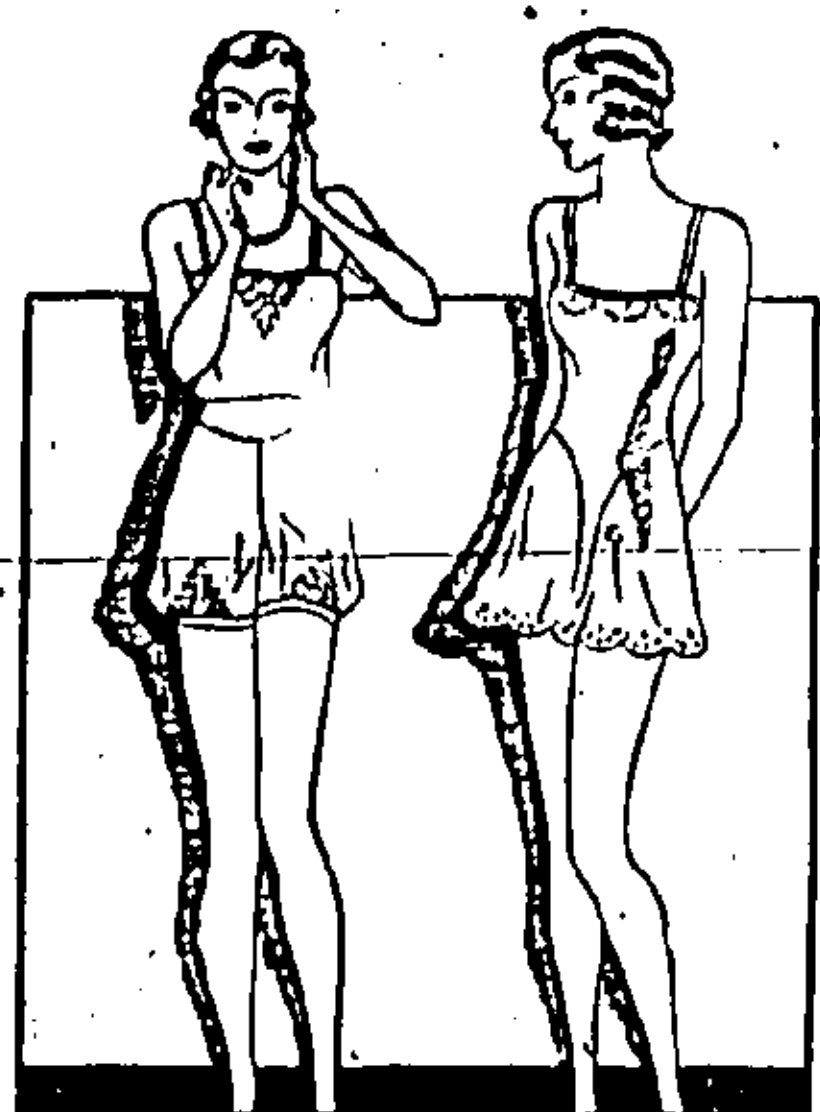
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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Tailored Suits and Ensembles Head Wide Range of Styles; Shopping Clothes are Dark.



Informal afternoon costumes take a definite place in the new Paris mode. A conventional tailored suit (left) is Jean Patou's suggestion for autumn afternoons. The colour stressed is the new "earo" brown, and the blouse is fashioned of soft cream-coloured satin. The tailored hat is of matching brown felt trimmed with a velvet ribbon finished off with a gilt metal buckle. An early afternoon ensemble (right) by Patou is of black vizogone cloth, trimmed with shaded grey astrakhan. The black felt hat has a grey and white feather motif.

[By Jean Patou.]

Paris.—The outstanding impression of the new collections is perhaps the wider range of styles set aside for afternoon wear. Whereas in previous collections there were models classified distinctly as early and late afternoon, you will find this year that the afternoon mode has become far more eclectic, with clothes to suit every possible circumstance.

The strictly tailored suit belongs obviously to the category of informal clothes but is not sufficient by so to be classed anywhere in the sports clothes department. Essentially practical, its only claim to the afternoon category is its clearly defined silhouette, its spruce aspect and the addition of the blouse that lends it fantasy and colour.

The alternative type of informal afternoon ensemble, suitable for

shopping and tea in town consists of a dress and three-quarter or long coat. This type of ensemble bears a very close resemblance to a sports outfit, an illusion derived from its easy fit and simplicity of design. The slight "dress-maker" touches together, however, place it in a category all its own. The whole effect is more studied than in any morning or sports ensemble. With these three-quarter length coats, I like the fashion of allowing them to swing from the shoulders, which conveys a hint of debonair ease.

The tailored outfit should be completed by a hat as neat and spruce as itself, but on which a slight touch of fantasy is permissible. I think a medium-brimmed shape is best suited to this type of dress. It harmonizes with the silhouette far better than anything strikingly original or daring.

The ensemble can carry a smaller shaped hat than the tailleur, but restraint in trimming and even the medium in which it is created is necessary. There are many kinds of felts that will suit this type of dress.

Dark colours are indicated for these "shopping" clothes but black is not necessarily the smartest this season. With the ensemble the trimming must form a contrast. This year a great deal of light fur is used.

I am very glad that women have forsaken fur neckpieces or scarfs for informal wear. As a matter of fact, the silhouette is greatly slenderized by the absence of longhaired fur bon effects. The smart woman will wear a cravat with a formal street dress, but this is now fashioned in the richest felts such as aubus and broadtail and considerably smaller in volume.

MORE FORESIGHT.

Safety First in the Home.

Many of the accidents that occur in the home might be avoided by the exercise of more foresight and care on the part of the mistress of the house. How often does it happen, for instance, that someone is injured by the skidding of a mat on a highly-polished and slippery floor! Yet there are non-slip polishes on the market that give perfectly satisfactory results. Your iron-monger will recommend a good brand for use on stained floors, but where linoleum and cork carpets are concerned no po-

lish is really necessary. A daily wipe-over and an occasional scrubbing followed by a rub-over with paraffin should be all that is needed.

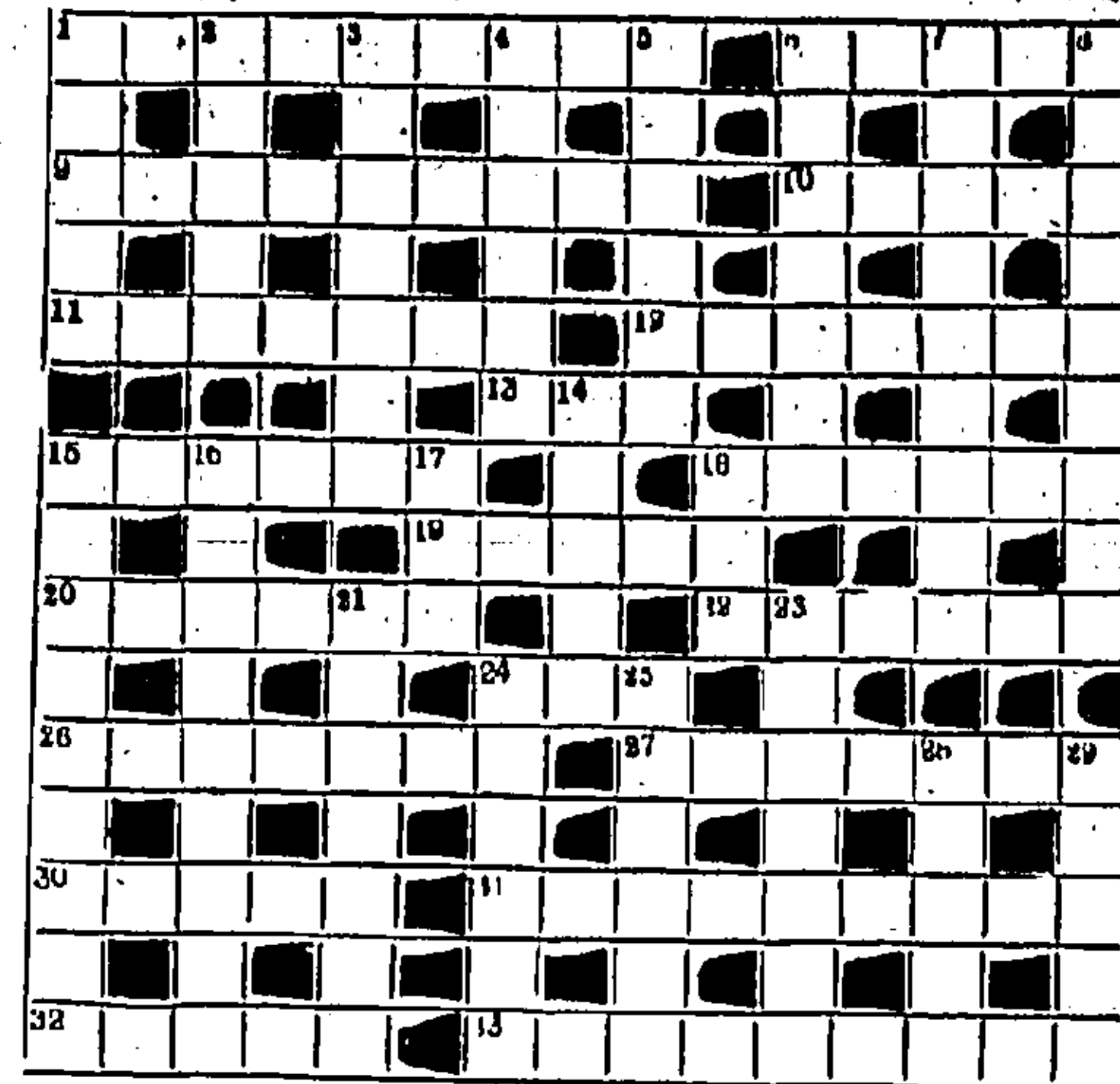
Then there is that window propped up by a book or piece of wood, and liable to come down with dire results on someone's fingers. Why not mend the sash cord? It isn't difficult, as the following instructions show. First of all remove the broken (lower, in this case) sash cord. Lever out the beading strip on the side of the window, using a screw driver for the purpose. Raise the sash slightly and pull it forward out of the frame. Remove the fillet (fitted to give access to the balance weights) in the lower side of the frame, lift the fallen weight out of its casing,

and unfasten the broken cord, noting carefully how it is attached to weight and sash. Measure off and make a length of new cord equal to the old, and tie a small weight by a string to one end. Slip the weighted end of the cord into the casing over the pulley at the top of the window frame, attach the balance weight, and pull it (the weight) up in the casing. Cut the cord to the right lengths, and fasten to the sash in exactly the same way as the old cord.

BRIGHT SILVER.

When shining silver, instead of dipping it into water after using polish, rub it through white flour and shine with a cloth.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 Good advice to traders in the S.W. district.
- 6 Is met in print in another form.
- 9 This craft sounds as if it had a confidential character.
- 10 A change of linen is capital to some extent.
- 11 Ten neat girls (anag.)—only one here, though.
- 12 Met of this window is near the roof.
- 13 State or X.
- 15 Book of the Bible.
- 16 Illusion ending in temper.
- 19 Perhaps the first letter Paul ever wrote.
- 20 The really important part is the senior service in the middle of a vessel.
- 22 "But—says he was ambitious." ("Julius Caesar").
- 24 Antelope.
- 26 Issue of notes, frequently large if foreign.
- 27 French general in the Great War.
- 30 Southern French town.
- 31 "Beer-tin? A.I." might ungrammatically well represent his sentiments.
- 32 Fifty we haven't four sometimes, when we double them.
- 33 In a severely simple way.

Down

- 1 Pigment.
- 2 I'm in the middle, yet I'm on at the start and finish.
- 3 A town of Africa.
- 4 A town of the West Country.
- 5 Haughty.
- 6 A great Russian.

- 7 Here a poor beggar confesses he is hopeless (or is it his rage he's referring to?).
- 8 Idiotic.
- 14 "And variable as the shade, by the light quivering—made" (Scott).
- 15 You must see this: there's nothing plainer.
- 16 The pride of Athens.
- 17 Usually volatile.
- 18 Queen of the fairies.
- 21 Glides away like coral snakes.
- 23 If you do this to 27 Across you'll get something that sounds like eleven.
- 24 A bare winner—this lady—had the Coventry races been on that day.
- 25 If not.
- 28 Let.
- 29 Gray's perhaps.

Saturday's Solution.

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APES PERRY CLEFT
TENTATIVE
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STICKERS

"WHAT HE HAS ... IS ... HIS ..."

There are three words, all composed of the same letters, missing from the above sentence. Can you supply them?

Saturday's Solution.

**MA KEPT A LION.
KLEPTOMANIA.**

By rearranging the letters in the sentence, "Ma kept a lion," you can form the word shown in the large letters above.

AIR CHIEF REPLACED.

SEQUEL TO FINDINGS OF SWEDISH ENQUIRY.

Stockholm, Nov. 14.

As a sequel to the sensational findings of a Special Commission

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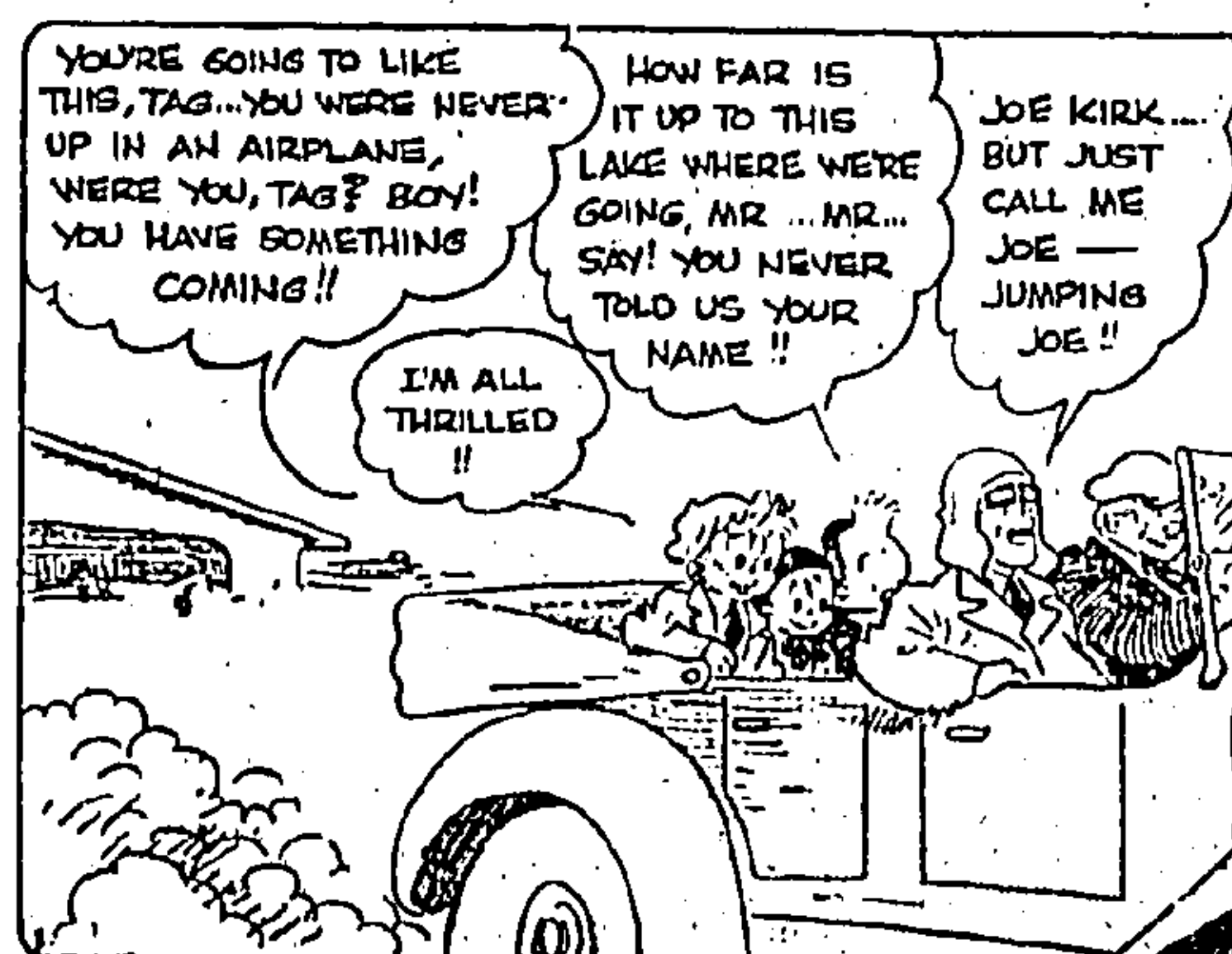
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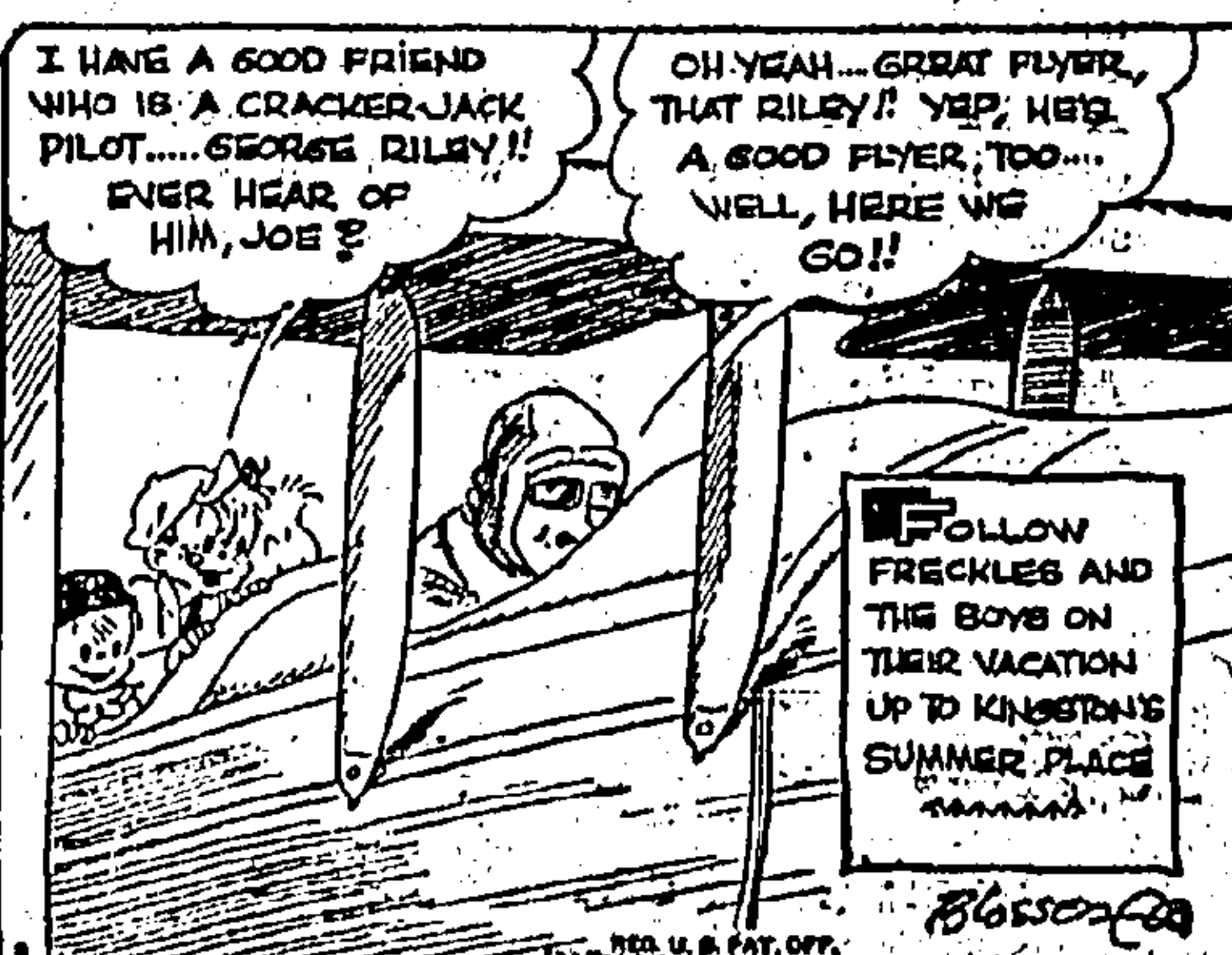
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1931.

**INDIA BAULKS AT
THE FACTS.**

Square facts have proved too much for Round Tables. The Conference is about to break up with the communal problem still unsettled, with the primary condition of progress, therefore, unfulfilled. An agreement might have been possible between the Hindus and the Moslems as distinct communities, but the Moslems were unwilling, the more to their credit, to desert the other Minorities. The ingenious plan advanced by Sir Geoffrey Corbett also, at one time, seemed to hold out prospects of a successful outcome, but his scheme of dividing up the Punjab so as to give Hindu, Moslem and Sikh each undisputed away in an allotted section collapsed when it was demonstrated that no part of the Punjab could be apportioned as a detachable district where Sikhs were in the majority. Thus we find the delegates preparing to return to India with the shadow of the communal problem hanging over them, and the work of the Federal Structure Committee incomplete, the members being unable to proceed to methods of electing representatives to the Federal Parliament.

Searching for an exit, the entire group of minorities settled their individual differences in the middle of last week and on Friday were able to present to the Prime Minister an agreement, covering, it was claimed, forty-six per cent. of the population of British India. The agreement had it proved acceptable to the Hindus, would have held good for a period of ten years, during which time the points of details requiring adjustment would have become apparent to all sides. Great hopes were centred upon this agreement, but in the background stood the religious antagonism of the Mahasabha, more stubborn than any other section represented at the Conference. It is easy to believe Dr. Moonie, who declared that the Mahasabha would never agree to separate electorates or to

any weightage. Mr. Gandhi, meanwhile, rejects it on the score that its claims are false, that Congress, which he represents, is able to speak for between 85 and 95 per cent. of the population of all India. Against the other Indian elements, however, it is clear that the real power of Congress bears no proportion to this claim.

As a final, almost despairing effort, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has invited the delegates to give him authority to decide their problem for them. But it is morally certain that the great organisation of Hindu orthodoxy will never surrender its claims in this way. It has persistently refused to recognise the facts. It refuses to concede even that Federations are formed only by consent. It declines absolutely to make the bold concessions which are essential to success. Hence the Conference ends in failure. The British Government may, will no doubt, set down the lines upon which the future Constitution of India will be framed. Its programme may represent a brilliant solution of an extraordinary intricate problem. But unless there is a distinct change in Hindu thought, it will prove unworkable.

South Africa and Gold.

The costly efforts of the South African Government to retain the gold standard appear doomed to failure. Present indications are that, whatever the desires of the Government regarding the future monetary basis of the country, there will be no choice of courses. Circumstances seem to conspire to force the country off gold. The position of South Africa is peculiar and not a little ironic. Last week she exported a record quantity of gold metal and almost simultaneously opened negotiations with France and Holland for a loan which would permit the country to remain on the gold standard. Now, however, both France and Holland have found they cannot pursue negotiations with South Africa and as America has already been sounded, and has asked for commission and interest terms which the would-be borrowers could not entertain, there seems practically no chance of South Africa obtaining the resources necessary for her to continue on a gold basis. General Smuts has strongly expressed the opinion that South Africa should follow the example of Northern and Southern Rhodesia which have already taken the plunge. Joint action between Great Britain and the Dominions is coming to look more possible every day. Meanwhile, the United States have ceased to suck up gold, and are disgorging it fast. But the maldistribution of the world's supply is not thereby diminished; for France and, to a lesser degree, Holland, Switzerland and Belgium, are taking all, and more than all, that America yields up. The gold standard has ceased to be an effective international standard, or to act as a stabilising influence on world finance. It is of vital importance that Britain should keep the depreciation of sterling within reasonable limits; but it is fully as important that there should be no rush back to the gold standard, even on a basis of devaluation, at least until guarantees have been secured for its better working in future.

SUGAR MARKET.**THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.**

The following cable at the close of the sugar market on Saturday has been received by Messrs. Pen-
treath and Co.

London Terminals.

Market unchanged.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.24 down 3 pts.

May 1932 1.28 down 2 pts.

July 1932 1.38 down 1 pt.

September 1932 1.87 down 2 pts.

December 1931 1.28 down 4 pts.

Sourabaya (14/11/31)—Trust
Mills sold 2,000 tons Whites,
buyers and prices not disclosed.**AVD BY DAY**

HE WHO FREELY PRAISES WHAT
HE MEANS TO PURCHASE, AND HE
WHO ENUMERATES THE FAULTS OF
WHAT HE MEANS TO SELL, MAY SET
UP A PARTNERSHIP WITH HONESTY.
—Lavalier.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia will
leave here for Victoria and Vancouver,
B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe
and Yokohama at 6.00 a.m. on the
20th November.

The P. and O. s.s. Corfa left
Singapore for this Port on the 15th
instant at 9 a.m. with the outward
English Mail, and is due here on the
19th instant at about 4 p.m.

Ip Fuk, the master of a trading
junk, was fined \$25 at the Marine
Court this morning before Commr.
Hole, for leaving the Harbour without
a clearance from the Harbour Master.

A Chinese woman was taken to
Hospital from the Nanking Boarding
house during the week-end, suffering
from the effects of opium she took in
an endeavour, it is said, to end her
life.

A particularly heartless thief on
Saturday night stole \$10 and a pair of
gold-mounted rattan bangles valued at
\$30 from an old woman while she was
sleeping on the pavement in Square
Street.

Struck by a drying pole accidentally
dropped from an upper floor verandah
in Spring Garden Lane, Leung Yau-
sing, aged six years, was admitted
into Hospital yesterday with a cut in
the left side of her head.

Mr. C. M. E. Pereira was able to
leave Kowloon Hospital yesterday
after being a patient there for over
a week following an accident in
Nathan Road when he was seriously
injured on being thrown from his
ricksha, which collided with a bus.

A reward of \$50 is offered through
the Police authorities for the recovery
of a fox fur valued at \$165, the
property of Mrs. G.M. Chun Ham, of
67, Tunglown Road. Mrs. Chun Ham
states that she left it on a seat beside
her while attending a performance at
the Central Theatre on the 8th
instant.

The late Mr. K. K. Stapla, whose
tragic death on Saturday is reported
in another column, was a prominent
Mason, being a Past Master of the
Zetland Lodge, 525, English Circuit,
Past Master of the Eothen Mark
Lodge, 204, E.C., Past First Principal
of the Vicin Chapter, 525 E.C., Past
District Grand Director of Coronation
District Grand Lodge, and Past Deacon
of the District Grand Mark Lodge.

LOCAL WILLS.**ESTATE DIVIDED INTO
NINE PARTS.**

Local estate to the value of
\$18,000 was left by the late Louie
(or Lul) Sum (or Sam) Tin,
alias Louie Hok-cheuk, alias Louie
Hau Tak Tong, retired Californian
merchant, who died at No. 21,
Lower Lascar Row, on or about
June 1, 1931. Testator appointed
an executor of his will his son,
Louie Ching-chuen, of the Lower
Lascar Row address.

Testator directs that his estate
shall be divided into nine equal
shares, eight of which shall go to
his eight sons and the ninth shall
be applied to meet all require-
ments of the "common concern."



"While they're sitting at my best table all afternoon,
settling the international banking problem, think what it's
costing me in tips."

This Fighting Business.

TOM WEBSTER Explains

THANKS to prolific boxing
writers of the past, I can go
back to the halcyon days. I can
still dig into the gore of 1870,
when men were men, and possibly
barges were better than barges,
because infuriated robots used to
fight on barges for apparently days
on end, until—if we are to believe
the chroniclers—"the crowd cried
"Take 'im away, take 'im away!"
Because of a copy-book error,
there has always been an idea
that there is no time like the pre-
sent. But a lover of real heavy-
weights would, I am sure, much
rather live in the past. And after
one or two memorable sessions at
the Albert Hall and the Halford
Stadium I can hardly blame him.
But whether he be good, bad, in-
different, or very seldom foul-
proof, the heavy-weight will al-
ways be the chief topic of the
fighting game. No matter what
their station, whether it be subur-
ban or in the hunting district,
nearly everybody loves to talk
fight. Whether they know any-
thing about it or not—and they
generally do not—they love to talk
about it, and the most engrossing
part of fight to them is the heavy-
weight.

Those Experts.

To me it has always been an
extraordinary thing that when dis-
cussing, say, billiards, golf, cricket,
tennis, football, or any other form
of sport, these people never pre-
tend to be expert.

Because I naturally see more of
these games than the average on-
looker, men far shorter of teeth
and hair than I am will defer to
my opinion, however faulty it may
be.

With an "Of course you ought
to know," they let an argument go
without a battle. But just by op-
posing to them and their views on
boxing, and you have come men
walking the wire of pure illogi-
cality. But you cannot tell them.

Take any man to his first cricket
match, his first football match, his
first tennis match, and he will be
modest in his ideas and dumb
about his opinion. Take the same
man to his first fight, and he im-
mediately becomes a judge.

It is this primitive instinct that
has made the heavy-weight the
best box-office proposition in any
business which calls for attrac-
tion.

Lure of the Punch.

You cannot blame the crowd.
The lure of the punch, the thrill
of the unexpected, will smack 'em
in, though the barriers be drawn
over so tightly. And who are we
to criticise the crowd's mentality?
Although we now and again get
blase through too many curseys
from Mr. Philip Scott, we still go
scurrying to our seats with an
over-affected air of nonchalance,
because we know in our heart of
hearts that the impossible may hap-
pen and a new champion be
found.

It may seem to the competent
observer that we are too casual at
the moment, but along with the
populace we are very likely only
too willing and ready to shout
"Eight, nine, out!"

A bovine idea of dignity, how-
ever, keeps us in our seats; but if
we told the truth we could possibly
scream louder than anybody.

Without being too inquisitive
and picking up a calendar before
our time, I suppose the first in-
terest we can take in the present
heavy-weight situation goes back
to when Bob Fitzsimmons, the
Cornishman, took all the breath
and a lot of amusement out of Jim
Corbett with a punch to the body
at Carson City in 1897. Fitzsim-
mons won the heavy-weight title
with the wallop, and it is regret-
table to add that no Cornishman,
or a member of any other consti-
tuency in Great Britain, has dupli-
cated it.

Fitzsimmons held the title until
June 1899, when he was knocked
out in the eleventh round by James
J. Jeffries. Jeffries, who was ap-
parently something of a human, held
undisputed sway until 1906, when
he retired, no doubt much to the
good of the entire community.

Johnson and Willard.

Tommy Burns claimed the title
until Jack Johnson cornered him
in Australia in 1908 and sent con-
sidering an octave higher. John-
son held the crown until 1915,
when Jess Willard doubtfully re-
gained it for the white race. I
say doubtfully because, added to
the fact that Johnson subsequent-
ly stated that he sold the fight,
there is a photograph on record of
the negro taking the "count" and
carefully shading his eyes in the
moonlight from the hot Havana
sun.

Jess Willard in turn, on July 4,
1919, was draped all over the floor
by Jack Dempsey in what must
have been the biggest massacre
that ever took place in the ring.
Willard was a monster, but Demp-
sey had him silly from the first
punch and won in three rounds.

Dempsey successfully defended
the title against Billy Miske, Bill
Brennan, Georges Carpentier, and
Tom Gibbons. The long period of
idleness caused him to lose his
championship to Gene Tunney at
Philadelphia in 1926. In a sub-
sequent battle Dempsey again lost
to Tunney, after having the latter
on the verge of a knock-out. This
was the fight which is known as
the battle of the "long count."

Through Dempsey not going to a
neutral corner when Tunney went
down the referee gave the latter
a 15-second count. I was not
present at that fight, so I will not
be dogmatic or authoritative, but
I shall always go down to what-
ever deathbed is selected for me
with a firm conviction that Demp-
sey that night regained his title.
Gene Tunney had no trouble
with his one contender, the game
Tom Heeney, and then Tunney re-
tired.

Out of a maelstrom of possibles,
impossibles, and probabilities, Jack
Sharkey and Max Schmeling met
for the crown on June 12, 1930.
Sharkey hit Schmeling with every-
thing except an estate agent, and
then lost on a foul. Schmeling
astounded everybody this year by
stopping Young Stribling, and still
remains in possession of a prize
that has defied some of the great-
est fighters in history.

Now what of Schmeling? He
has improved beyond recognition.
His challengers are not many.
They consist of Sharkey, Mickey
Walker, and Carnera. Carnera
can, I think, be left on one side
until he has grown a little more.
Walker has unquestionable cou-
rage, but is perhaps too small.
Sharkey is undoubtedly the Sha-
dow in Schmeling's path. They
may meet next year. Sharkey is
the better boxer and a deadly hit-
ter, but he is getting older.

Although Schmeling will pro-
gress at the same rate, he will still
have the jump on Sharkey in the
matter of years.

Now, having completed the above
brief history, let us come to the
never-ending argument as to what
Jeffries, Johnson, Peter Jackson,
or Bob Fitzsimmons would have
done with the present generation.

I can see and feel old-timers
leaping at my throat at this mo-
ment when I say, on sifted evi-
dence and on what I saw with my
own eyes, that Jack Dempsey must
have been the greatest of them all.

All right, nurse, take that foam-
ing old gentleman of 1880 away
from the bedside. I'm coming
round.

The Hollywood Hi-Lights Inter-
national Revue delighted crowded
houses on Saturday and Sunday
nights when they gave repeat per-
formances of the first night's pro-
gramme. Rex Storey and Rose Leo
were two outstanding members who
engaged the attention continuously
by their witticisms while other acts
by the remainder of the company,
including the Puppet Shows, were
thoroughly enjoyable. It is to the
credit of the Company that they are
able to sustain a very long pro-
gramme and at the same time not to
become tired. The Revue is being again pre-
sented to-night and, with the popularity
secured, there should be again a
bumper house.

HONGKONG CURRENCY MISSION'S REPORT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

among the Chinese population of Hongkong and the neighbouring areas silver has been accepted for generations as the measure of value, so that what its advocates describe as stabilization would from the Chinese point of view be "destabilization."

Nevertheless it cannot be denied that there are several arguments which have been or may be adduced in favour of a gold standard for Hongkong, and which are not without validity so far as they go.

It is true, in the first place, that the gold price of silver has fallen so low as to make its use as a currency very inconvenient. There is no doubt as to the cumbersomeness of the large silver dollar for daily private transactions, and the cost to banks and other institutions of "shredding" large quantities of silver and storing silver in the form of either coin or bullion is an expensive item. It is, however, possible to get over these difficulties to a great extent, and we think that this will be done if the plan which we recommend is adopted.

H.K. and China.

It is true, again, that China is the only important country now left on a silver basis, while practically the whole of the rest of the world is, or is trying to place itself, on a gold basis; and that so long as Hongkong remains on silver, the fluctuations in the price of that metal in relation to gold, which have been and may continue to be frequent and rapid, will result in disturbing fluctuations in the level of Hongkong's exchange with the gold world.

On the other hand, the establishment of a gold standard in Hongkong would cause similar fluctuations in its exchange with China, and the question really resolves itself into that of determining, having regard to her special economic and financial relations with China, which is the more important for Hongkong, that exchange should be kept steady with China or with the rest of the world.

Government's Position.

Since the prosperity of Hongkong is dependent on its trade and financial business, it is mainly a question of how that business would be affected by a change-over to a gold or sterling standard. We regard this as one of the most important factors to be considered in solving what we have described as the first part of the problem that has been put before us.

Another argument often adduced in favour of stabilization is the ease it would give to the Government's finances. The fact of Hongkong's currency being on a silver standard necessarily creates difficulties in the balancing of the yearly budget, owing to the uncertainty of the dollar exchange rates, viz., the cost of supplies purchased in England, the sterling debt obligations, and the payments of pensions and salaries of European officers. These are of course real difficulties, and they would all be met by stabilization. Important as they are, however, it does not appear to us that they can be allowed to weigh as determining factors in the decision on the question of advantage or disadvantage to the business of the Colony as a whole is in the opposite scale.

Effects of Stabilization on Business.

Reviewing what we have written on the effects which the stabilization of the Hongkong currency while China still remained on a silver basis would have on the various business activities of Hongkong, we may sum up as follows:

(1) Hongkong, considered merely as a port and as the principal storehouse for goods in transit to and from South China, would not be likely to be affected adversely so long as trade continued to run in its present channels.

(2) The special position which Hongkong at present occupies for the Chinese settler and capitalist as a place of law and order and a city of refuge would to a large extent be lost.

(3) As a producing centre, it might lose to neighbouring silver centres much of the business which it at present transacts, but on the other hand ship-builders would undoubtedly benefit in so far as the change would enable them to tender for and carry out large long-term contracts on a basis of equality with their competitors in gold-using countries.

Loss of Exchange Business.

(4) As a financial and trading centre, the effects on Hongkong would be as follows:

(a) In relation to imports into South China, the ones of covering the heavy gold-silver exchange risks involved would be transferred from the importing merchant in Hongkong, who has ample facilities for doing this, to the

dealer in South China, who owing to its imperfectly developed currency system would, with Hongkong on a gold basis, have no means for the purpose. On the other hand, while bulk indent business and depot business (including retail trade in Hongkong) would to some extent be facilitated, the wholesale trade would lose its present facilities for covering the gold-silver exchange risk and would not be able to find a substitute. The trend of the argument in this section depends upon the relative importance of these different kinds of business, and as all the evidence goes to show that the wholesale importing business into South China is one of the mainstays of Hongkong's prosperity we have no hesitation in deciding that on this count the argument is strongly against stabilization.

Remittance Business.

(c) In relation to the remittance business, much of Hongkong's attraction as a centre for receiving remittances from Chinese residents overseas would disappear.

(d) The present easy flow of capital between Hongkong and South China which is instrumental in financing primary production and small trades and industries in South China would be seriously impeded.

The general tenor of the conclusions set out above in our opinion that Hongkong is economically part of China and must remain on a silver standard so long as China does.

Serious Disadvantage.

Although from the point of view of the Government and of some persons not engaged in trade it seems that there would be certain distinct advantages to be obtained from stabilization on a gold basis, and although certain trading interests would benefit thereby, we are unable to arrive at any other conclusion than that it would be of serious and direct disadvantage to the business of Hongkong and to large sections of the population. Consequently in the general interests of the Colony—including those of traders who, though they might reap immediate benefit from this course, would probably find the results in the long run by no means satisfactory—we recommend that the present circumstances Hongkong should remain on a silver basis.

The present Currency System.

With the decision not to recommend present stabilization we have disposed of the first main part of our problem and we turn to the second, namely, what if any reforms in the existing currency system should be adopted.

The notes of the Hongkong Bank, and particularly those of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, circulate widely throughout South China where they are regarded as the most stable and desirable form of currency. Indeed it was represented to us by credible witnesses that no less than two-thirds of the outstanding issue of this bank was held in China, and one of our Chinese witnesses expressed the view that it was known in all the eighteen provinces of China. In Shamen, the foreign concession of Canton, it is the only currency used.

While Hongkong bank-notes are in great favour as the most stable form of silver currency in South China, it is difficult to say how the British Dollar is regarded as a currency medium outside the limits of the Colony. It appears to be in circulation in some parts of China, especially in the north. In other part it circulates merely as bullion. In Canton it and the subsidiary coin of Hongkong are freely accepted at an appropriate premium over Canton money.

Defects.

We have now to draw attention to certain fundamental defects in the currency system. The first is that the form of currency which is the only unlimited legal tender, the silver dollar, is entirely unsuitable for that purpose.

A concrete example will illustrate this. The weight of the legal tender currency which the seller of a motor-car costing say \$4,000 (at the present rate of exchange, about \$200) could demand, would be a little over two hundredweight.

It is true that the issue of bank notes has to a large extent got round this defect; it has, however, created others. The chief one is that while there is an automatic contraction of the volume of the currency as soon as its exchange value drops to the lower bullion point (that is, the point at which it pays to export silver dollars for sale as bullion) there is no satisfactory automatic method of expanding the currency when the exchange value of the dollar rises.

Expansion of Issue.

The expansion may take the form of an increase in the volume of notes or of coin.

As to notes, only one of the three note-issuing banks has unlimited powers of expanding its circulation, viz., the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, but it is under no statutory obligation to do so.

As to coin, there is an almost insuperable obstacle to its volume expanding at all times sufficiently to meet the public needs in the cumbersomeness of the legal tender dollar coin. To buy silver and have it minted and imported sounds quite a simple process, but it is impossible, because they know that, after heavy expenses for minting and transport have been incurred, the coin will not be wanted by the public and further large charges for storing and handling them will have to be met. Moreover, they run the risk that they themselves may have to use the coins largely in their daily transactions instead of bank-notes, and this would so seriously dislocate business that they would go to great lengths to avoid the risk.

H.K. and S.B.

It should be recognized that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has, except for a brief period some two years ago, always performed the valuable service, as the chief note-issuing bank of the Colony, of providing the public with an adequate amount of currency. But the fact that in that brief period, owing to the bank's unwillingness to expand its currency commensurately with the amount of deposits pouring from abroad into the Colony, the Hongkong dollar rose to about 20 per cent. above silver parity, shows clearly the faultiness of the present system.

At the time referred to, the non-note-issuing banks were at length forced to apply the exchange corrective of importing silver dollars and in one way or another the position was eased but the Colony was thus loaded up with a large quantity (it is said as much as 800 tons) of unnecessary coin. We understand that the present Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has announced the policy of the bank that it will in future always apply an exchange corrective with the object of preventing the dollar from rising substantially above the theoretic upper bullion point. It is, however, fundamentally wrong that the exchange value of the Colony's currency should depend on one person, and no less wrong that that person should be put in a position where he may constantly have to decide between the conflicting interests of the Colony and the bank.

Main Proposals for Reform.

As it seems to be unquestionable that the Colony already contains more dollar coins than it can ever require for use in active circulation we have sought for some automatic method of increasing the amount of notes in circulation when required.

It is obvious that there are two ways in which this might be provided, either by a suitably regulated issue of Government currency notes, or by altering the present conditions of issue of bank-notes. The first step can be taken by the Government at its own discretion; the second requires the willing co-operation of the note-issuing banks.

We should recommend the first alternative only if the banks refused that co-operation. As we have said above, the bank-note is the *de facto* currency of the Colony and of a great part of South China, and any step which might impair the prestige of that note should be avoided. Rather would we recommend that its prestige should be increased by making it the sole unlimited legal tender in the Colony and limiting the legal status of the dollar coin.

Legal Tender.

These then are our recommendations:

(1) That the legal tender status of the dollar coin be limited to \$10.
(2) That the notes of the present note-issuing banks be made the sole unlimited legal tender, except of course by the banks themselves in payment of notes tendered for redemption.

With a limit imposed on the legal tender status of the dollar coin some other means of providing for the convertibility of the bank-note has to be found. Here an analogy with the position in England will help us. By the Gold Standard Act of 1925, Bank of England notes are convertible not as before the war into sovereigns, but into gold bullion on presentation of a minimum quantity of bank-notes, and we recommend:

(3) That the notes of the Hongkong Bank be made convertible, on presentation of a prescribed minimum, into silver bullion.
Bullion Exchange.
The lower bullion point is thus provided. In order to establish an effective upper bullion point, the absence of which has been the root cause of the premium on Hongkong currency, we recommend:
(4) That any person on tendering silver bullion of a specified

minimum fineness and of a specified minimum weight and on payment of a specified fee should be entitled to obtain legal tender in the form of bank-notes.
Government Control.

In order to relieve the note-issuing banks of the liability to receive and store an unlimited quantity of silver bullion, we recommend further:

(5) That Government should take charge of all the silver coin and bullion at present held against the note issues, except for such amounts as the three banks concerned may require for current business, and give to the banks in lieu thereof vouchers undertaking to deliver silver on demand on the bank's certifying that notes for an equivalent amount have been or are about to be withdrawn; and
(6) That silver which in future may be tendered for exchange into notes should be received by the Government (not the note-issuing bank), the tenderer to be entitled to receive notes of whichever bank he may prefer (provided that that bank's issue has not reached its maximum limit) and the bank to be given vouchers for the equivalent amount of silver.

Currency Board.

The Government would no doubt find it convenient to appoint a Currency Board to take charge of the silver and to make any arrangements to receive and issue silver in the future. Such a board would also have the still more important function of accumulating a sterling fund to provide for ultimate stabilization on a gold basis as will be explained in Part V below. We therefore recommend:

(7) That a Hongkong Currency Board should be appointed.

It would be in accordance with usual precedent that this Board should be set up in London and should be represented in the Colony by a Currency Officer, who might appropriately be the Colonial Treasurer.

Note Issues.

The arrangements which we propose will not in any way impair the position of note issues. On the contrary they will have the added prestige, enjoyed by few banks, of issuing a note which is unlimited legal tender. Secondly, they will be relieved of all further anxiety regarding the custody of the metallic reserve in their bank-note security funds, and will be given an assurance that the part of their reserves which consists of undertakings by the Currency Board to provide bar silver (hereinafter referred to as silver vouchers) will be converted into undertakings by that Board to provide sterling at the new rate of the dollar, should Hongkong currency ever be stabilized in terms of sterling.

Thirdly, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will have an assurance, which it does not at present possess, that whatever the dimensions to which its note issue expands it will not be involved in loss by such expansion.

Bank Co-operation.

We have therefore framed our recommendations on the assumption that the note-issuing banks will be prepared to fall in with the scheme which we propose.

Should this unfortunately not be so, we think the only course would be for the Currency Board to issue currency notes, such notes to be the sole, unlimited legal tender on the same conditions and under the same arrangement *mutatis mutandis* as we have recommended for the banks.

The machinery would be different, but the general principles would be the same, and we therefore do not think it necessary to pursue the matter further.

The following questions of detail arise in connexion with the operation of the new schemes:

1. The silver content of the new theoretical unit.
2. The weight and fineness of the silver bar in which it is to be embodied.
3. The place or places at which the Board should hold and be ready to deliver and accept delivery of bar silver.
4. The minimum transaction to be permitted.
5. The commissions to be charged by the Board.

Recommendations.

Our recommendations briefly are as follows:—
1. 374.4 grains of fine silver.
2. Decision to be left to the Currency Board.
3. Hongkong and possibly Shanghai and London.
4. For the redemption of notes, the nearest equivalent of one standard silver bar; for the issue of new notes, \$20,000 or even more.
5. A maximum of 5 per cent. on the issue of new notes against silver and certain minor commissions.

Preparations for Ultimate Stabilization.
We now come to the third main part of our problem, namely, what steps should be taken to

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(b) Only a Year Ago (Fred G. Albers).
Miss A. Silos (Soprano) with Violin obbligato by Mr. J. Matias accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.
Songs.
(a) Out Where the Big Ships Go (T. J. Hewitt).
(b) Shipmates of Mine (Wilfred Sauerborn).
Mr. Derek Holmes (Baritone).
Pianoforte Solo.
(a) Rustle of Spring (Sinding).
(b) Marche Grottesque (Sinding).
Mrs. J. Shand.
Vocal Quartet.
(a) The Long Day Closes (A. Sullivan).
(b) Little Tommy Went a-fishing (J. Macy).
The 4 B's.
Songs-Selected.
Madame Alice Hamilton (Contralto) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.
Violin Solo.
(a) Canto Amoroso (Love Song) (Sammartini-Elman).
(b) Menuet from Petite Suite (Debussy-Dunkin).
Mr. J. Matias accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

Songs.
(a) Ultima cancion (R. Bunyi).
(b) La Forza del Destino (Aria) (G. Verdi).
Miss Angeles Silos (Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.

Songs.
(a) Rolling the Log (Bertie and Emmett Adams).
(b) Harlequin (Wilfred Sanderborn).
Mr. Derek Holmes (Baritone).
Pianoforte Solo.
(a) Gavotte (Gardiner).
(b) 2nd. Mazurka (Godard).
Mrs. J. Shand.

Vocal Quartet.
(a) Off in the Silly Night (arr. R. Baldwin).
(b) Johnny Sands (J. Coleman).
The 4 B's.

Songs-Selected.
Madame Alice Hamilton (Contralto) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.
Violin Solo.
(a) Valse Triste (Sibelius).
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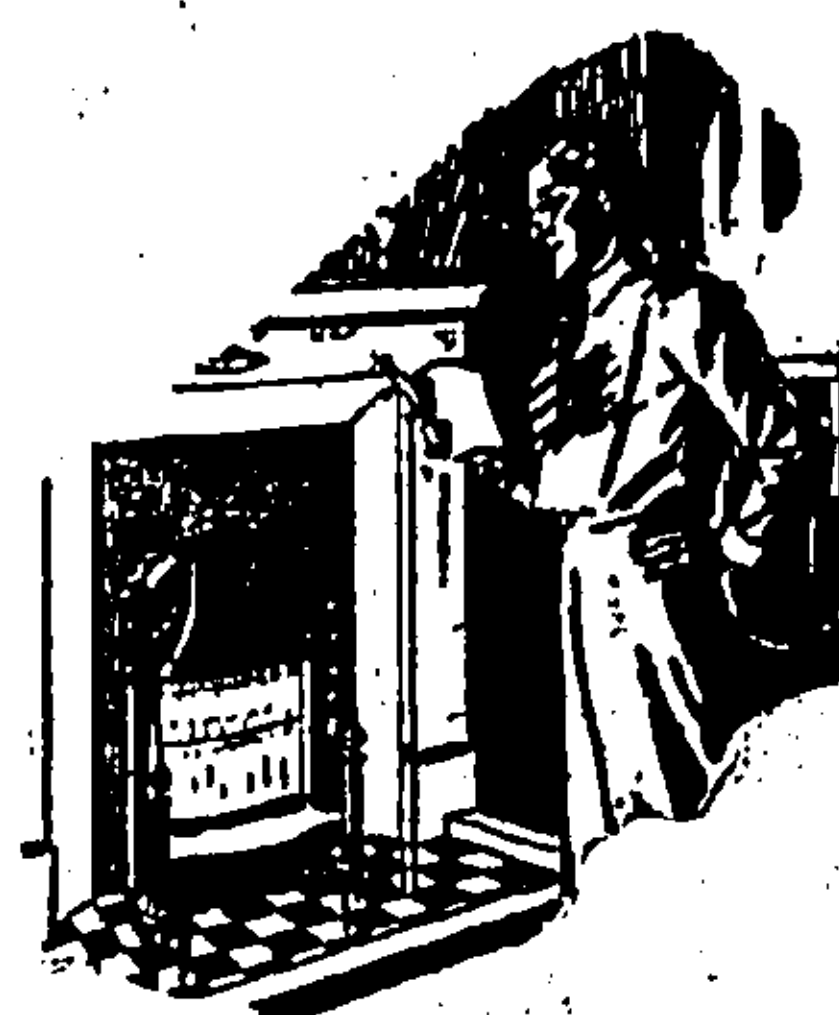
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ARGYLLS' GRIP ON LEADERSHIP.

DOUBLE VICTORY OVER BORDERERS.

TEN GOALS FOR KOWLOON.

By "Wanderer."

The Argylls strengthened their position as leaders of the Senior and Second Divisions of the H.K. Football League on Saturday by convincing wins over the South Wales Borderers. The senior game resulted in a win by three clear goals, thanks largely to their greater efficiency in the goal area.

Kowloon netted ten times against St. Joseph's without stretching themselves, while the Club almost saved a point from their tussle with the Navy, who were badly rattled towards the end.

The results were:

Senior Division.	
Club	2 Navy
Kowloon	10 St. Joseph's
Argylls	3 Borderers
Recreio	0 Police
Second Division.	
R.A.O.C.	2 12th Bty.
University	2 Kowloon
Club	0 Navy
Argylls	3 Borderers
Third Division.	
Recreio	4 R. Engineers
R.A.P.	6 Radin S. C.
St. Joseph's	0 Borderers

ARGYLLS WIN KEEN STRUGGLE.

Borderers Wenk in Front of Goal.

The Argylls employed more direct methods and were worthy winners of a keen encounter. The wingers were lively and the inside forwards shot hard and often, McTavish again playing a conspicuous part. The Borderers were responsible for some very clever moves and pretty footwork, but their finishing lacked punch. There was no scoring in the opening half, the defenders dominating. The forwards found the ball difficult to control on an uneven surface and fell easy victims to keen tackling.

After the interval, the Argylls settled down to sounder tactical methods, mastered the difficulty and scored three times through McTavish (two) and Wylie. The Borderers were very persistent, but little made some capital saves while he was brilliantly covered by Henderson, who had a great day. Davis, the Borderers inside right, played below form and the attack suffered further through the inability of Harris to get his centres over with his usual accuracy.

The Argylls defenders, on the whole, played more confidently than Morrison, Mullan, Eynon and their colleagues.

CLUB RALLY TOO LATE.

Navy Hard Put to It to Hold on to Lead.

In a game replete with thrills, the Navy established a lead of 3-1 on their merits, but were very hard put to it to avert a breakdown in the closing stages. A chance goal from Strange instilled new life into the Club team and so strongly and enthusiastically did they apply pressure that the relief when the final whistle blew was all on the Navy side.

Both goalkeepers had plenty to do. All the forwards showed a readiness to shoot; if anything, they were a little too eager at times, the range of their shots giving Clucas and Rodger plenty of time to judge the flight of the ball.

In the early stages, the Navy halves smothered the Club attack, which showed a decided weakness on the left, but the home side were on level terms at the interval. Howe netting brilliantly to nullify Langmead's snap goal in the first minute.

Excellent constructive play by the Navy backed up by Skinner's superb work on the left wing, rocked the Club defence in the second half and Langmead netted twice to put the result, as it proved, beyond doubt. The Club forwards in this period were slow.

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HOCKEY PLAYERS VISIT MACAO.

CENTRAL BRITISH ASSN TEAM DEFEATED.

A hockey team representing the Central British Association, formerly the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association, paid a visit to Macao and engaged the Macao Hockey Club at a match.

The team travelled on the Venezia and were welcomed on arrival by Capt. Cost, after which they adjourned to the Riviera for tillm.

The match resulted in a victory for Macao by three goals to nil. The Portuguese netting two in the first half and adding a third after the interval.

FANLING GOLF.

W. C. SHIELDS WINS BOGEY POOL.

There were 68 entries for the Bogey Pool played for at Fanling during the week-end. W. C. Shields (7) winning with a score of 3 up. L. Goldman (14) finished second with 1 up, and other scores returned were:

C. C. Stark (7), J. G. Campbell (14), C. Commr. E. O. Priestley (12) and C. H. Burton (15), all square.

A. B. Stewart (3) and J. Harrop (19) finished 1 down.

THE LAI WAH CUP.

CIVILIANS' TEAM AGAINST NAVY SELECTED.

Arrangements for the Lai Wah Cup and the Challenge Shield Competition have been made as follows:

Lai Wah Cup Competition.

Saturday, November 21.—Civilians v. Navy, Kowloon ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.

Referee.—Sergt. G. Caswell R.A., Linesmen, P. O. Cook H.M.S. Cumberland and Mr. W. Baldwin.

The following will represent the Civilian team:—G. Rodger, Martin, S. Strange, G. Hedley, P. McKelvie (Capt.), S. Bliss, B. Gosano, Segalen, Howe, A. V. Gosano and C. Pile.

Referee.—Brittain, Skinner, Moses and D. Leonard.

White Shirts will be provided on the ground.

This Competition will be run on the League system, each team playing the other once only. The following are the other matches:

Army v. Civilians, December 12th. Sookumpo ground, 4 p.m.

Navy v. Army, January 9th, Club ground.

half, but he failed to hold Langmead.

ST. JOSEPH'S SWAMPED.

Kowloon Let Them Off Lightly.

Kowloon scored six goals in the first twenty-five minutes, walking through the St. Joseph's defence with the greatest ease. They kicked off noticeably in the second half, indulging in pattern-weaving, and the final score was 10-3.

Timberlake netted four times (three of them being perfect goals) Duncan claimed three, and Doherty, Hedley and Ineson completed the tally.

Hollywood, thanks largely to the good work of a line of forwards who suggested that they might be capable of better defence than a sound defence behind them, scored three goals for St. Joseph's from close range. Two of them were obtained in swift raids with Kowloon's defenders caught up the field joining the attack. The first came as the result of a delightfully pretty passing movement in which Hollywood and Leonard took the chief roles.

St. Joseph's defence was wretched. The half-backs were completely overrun, the backs tried hard but were drawn out of position time and again, while the Souza, in goal, seemed listless after the fourth goal had passed him.

In the circumstances, all the Kowloon players looked to be in brilliant form. They were never seriously tested.

POLICE ON TOP.

Poor Efforts at Scoring.

The Police captured both points from their game with the Recreio, scoring twice without reply. The Recreio fielded a weak side and were overplayed, but wild shooting by the Police attack enabled the Recreio to emerge without suffering a debacle.

The Recreio backs were faulty, their half-backs disoriented and their forwards unable to make much headway in the absence of good passes.

The Police were sound in defence, but their forwards could not settle down to anything like reasonably good combination. "Kick and run tactics" was the general order of the day and this produced two goals (from Pile and Williams) when the territorial advantage established was sufficient to have produced half a dozen.

FANLING'S NEW RACECOURSE.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING YESTERDAY.

PATRONS PLEASSED.

The opening of the new Kwant racecourse at Fanling yesterday attracted a very large attendance, and an excellent afternoon of sport was enjoyed.

Punters had a reasonably good day with their selections, but attention was paid to the greatly improved course and its amenities, which have cost nearly \$15,000.

Complete satisfaction was expressed with the very fine work put in by Messrs. W. T. Stanton, D. Wilson and E. M. Hazeland in this connexion.

THE RESULTS.

Race No. 1.

Mr. Heard's Royal Flush (170)

Mr. Stanton's Mike (170)

Major I. M. Stewart's Country Club (161) (Major Stewart)

Won by a neck; many lengths.

Time: 3 mins. 38 seconds.

Parimutuel: Win \$7. Places 1st \$8.80.

Betting.

Mike 652

Royal Flush 243

Country Club 51

Race No. 2.

Messrs. Newbigging and Gordon's Nookhail (151) (Mr.

Mr. Refeek's Glorious Stag (163)

Mr. S. S. Li's Mascot (162)

Won by half length; two lengths.

Time: 1 min. 39.3/5 secs.

Parimutuel: Win \$7.60. Places 1st \$2.60; 2nd \$2.30; 3rd \$2.00.

Race No. 3.

Mr. Heard's Christmas Belle (168)

Mr. Stanton's The Partridge (166) (Mr. Stanton)

Lady Peel's Marquis Hall (165)

Won by two lengths; three lengths.

Time: 3 mins. 9.3/5 secs.

Parimutuel: Win \$10.60. Places 1st \$2.00; 2nd \$3.10; 3rd \$2.60.

Race No. 4.

Mr. Bramwell's Nidd (168)

Mr. Cox's Purity (169)

Mr. Davy's Mountain Bell (168)

Won by 6 lengths; two lengths.

Time: 1 min. 6 secs.

Parimutuel: Win \$3.20. Places 1st \$2.60; 2nd \$5.90; 3rd \$12.20.

Race No. 5.

Mr. Aitch Aitch's Chivalrous (149) (Mr. Reidy)

Messrs. Grist and Beck's Mongolian Stag (149) (Mr. Harriman)

Mr. Y. T. Fung's Blue Boy (147)

Won by two lengths; 3/4 length.

Time: 2 mins. 18 secs.

Parimutuel: Win \$3.90. Places 1st \$3.40; 2nd \$5.60.

Race No. 6.

Mr. Stanton's Fritz (160)

Dr. Macgown's Pegasus (160)

Won by many lengths.

Parimutuel: Win \$3.90. Places 1st \$2.90; 2nd \$2.00.

Race No. 7.

Mr. T. P. T's Sonny Boy (152)

Mrs. Harriman's Celerity (158)

Mr. Artik's Movannaher (153)

Won by 2 lengths; many lengths.

Time: 2 mins. 18 secs.

Parimutuel: Win \$5.60. Places 1st \$2.90; 2nd \$3.60.

CASH SWEEP RESULTS.

The List of Lucky Winners In Seven Events.

SOME BIG RETURNS.

Race 1.

585 \$504.20

228 \$101.20

385 \$ 80.60

Race 2.

311 \$578.90

251 \$105.40

205 \$ 82.70

\$25 tickets Nos. 425, 395, 157, 504, 514, 220.

Race 3.

534 \$681.10

213 \$104.60

157 \$ 97.30

\$25 tickets Nos. 727, 488, 277, 628, 572, 604.

Race 4.

242 \$1,745.80

60 \$ 408.80

902 \$ 240.40

\$34.75 tickets Nos. 965, 470, 220, 261, 114, 1,314, 344, 22.

Race 5.

432 \$736.80

407 \$224.80

110 \$112.40

\$25 tickets Nos. 448, 81.

Race 6.

78 \$355

547 \$235

\$25 tickets Nos. 808, 302.

Race 7.

828 \$1,109.70

805 \$ 334.20

932 \$ 107.10

\$25 tickets Nos. 558, 5187.

YACHT CLUB.

THE OPENING REGATTA OF THE SEASON.

Favourable weather conditions attended the opening regatta of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, which was held on Saturday afternoon. The Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, O.B.E., expressed his regret that Canton and Manila could not participate in the regatta, but said he was glad to say that there was every prospect of their being present at the closing cruise.

The results of the sailing were:

Cruising Yachts.

Course.—Start Murray Pier Line (West to East), Cuck Rock Mark Boat (S), Finish Club Line (West to East). Distance: 2 1/2 miles.—1, Chinook (Capt. E. M. Holt, R.A.); 2, Curlew (Major Tosh, R. E.).

"H" Class.

Course.—Start Club House Line (West to East), Mark East of Kowloon Dock Point (P), Cuck Rock Mark Boat (P), Mark Boat Club House Line (P). Distance: 5 miles.—1, Siskin (Miss Mackie); 2, Diana (Mrs. Bingham).

Heyward Hayes and Gael Classes.

Course.—Start Club House Line (West to East), Mark East of Kowloon Dock Point (P), Cuck Rock Mark Boat (P), Mark Boat Club House Line (P). Distance: 5 miles.—1, Daphne (Miss Stocks); 2, Boojum (Mrs. Pickering).

Hornell Cup and 4th Submarine

Flotilla Cup.—1, Kowloon (A. H. Chambers, R. J. Grieve, M. Hallton, H. W. Duley and I. G. Allison).

2, H.M.S. Bruce.

27 ft. Whalers.—1, H.M.S. Kent

"A"; 2, H.M.S. Kent "B".

Minett Sculling Cup.—1, Hongkong (H. W. Duley); 2, Middle (M. Hallton).

Percy Smith Challenge Cup for

Paira.—1, Kowloon (A. H. Chambers, H. W. Duley and I. G. Allison).

The following won prizes for lawn bowls.—Messrs. A. T. Hamilton, W. J. Hansen, W. Macfarlane and Dr. Shullshar.

The Races.

Only two crews, Ewo and Hongkong

Electric, contested in the Hornell Cup

and 4th Submarine Flotilla Cup, but

the race was a good one.

The first was all that could be

desired. Ewo striking 30 and the

H.E.C. 32. Ewo steadily drew ahead

and at the half mile mark had

established a lead of two lengths.

The H.E.C. then made a spurt and

reduced this lead to 1 1/4 lengths in

which position the boats crossed the

finishing line.

Nine crews lined up at the start

for the race for 25 ft. whalers and

the result was in doubt till the last

minute as there was only a matter

of three or four lengths between first

and last boats most of the way over

the course, but on nearing the finish

line, the boats from H.M.S. Seraph,

Bruce and Sepoy drew ahead and

crossed the line in this order. H.M.S.

Seraph winning by two lengths.

Ten crews turned out for the race

for 27 ft. whalers and after a good

start the boats soon spread out. The

three crews to cross the line first were

H.M.S. Kent and Berwick, Kent "A"

winning by two lengths.

Minett Sculling Cup.

The entrants for this event were:

H. W. Duley, M. Hallton, and J. E. L.

Purry. An excellent start was made

but Duley soon established a slight

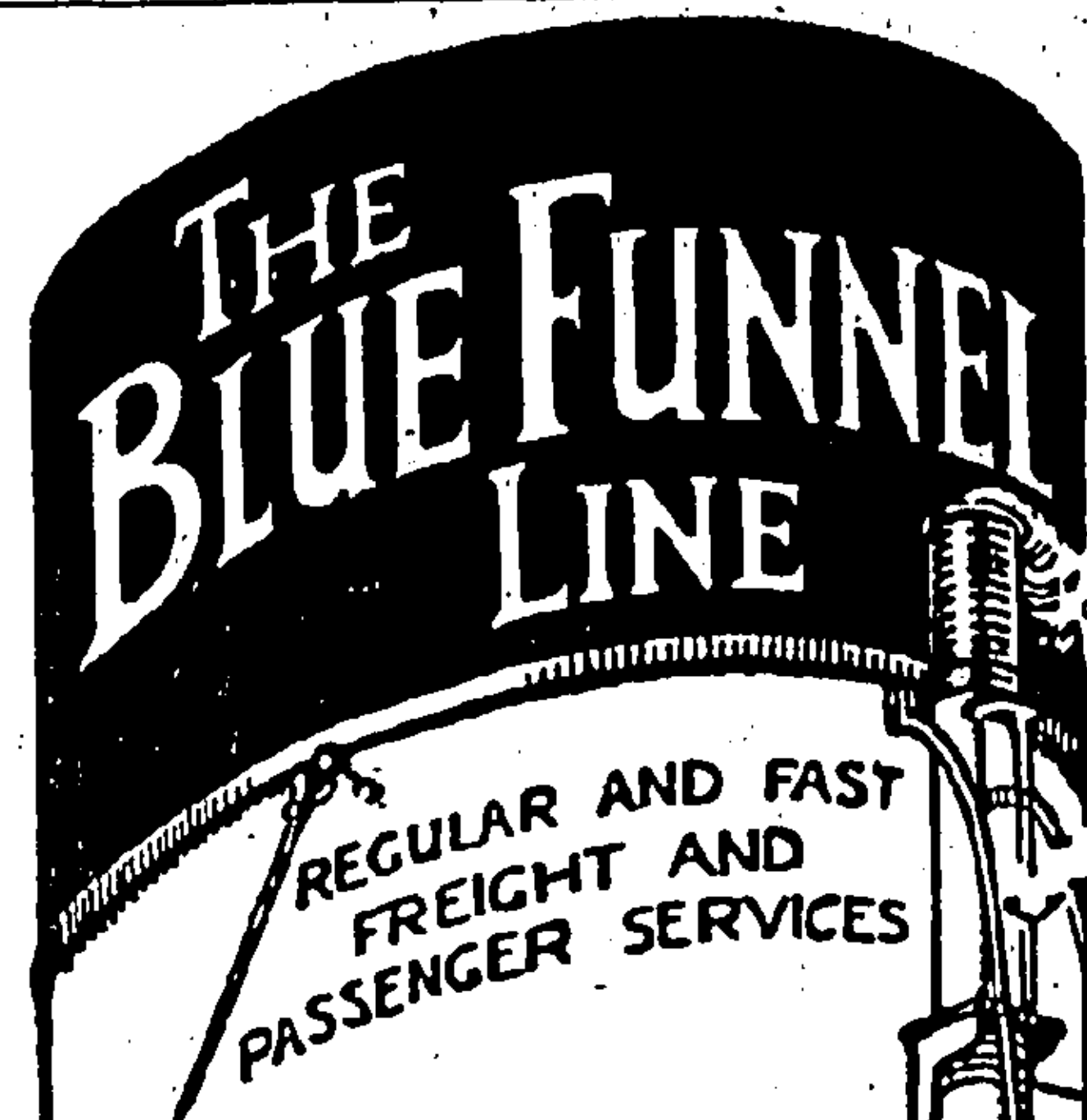
lead and at the half way mark was

two lengths up on Hallton the latter

being one length ahead of Purry. The

distance between boats gradually

increased and the line was crossed in



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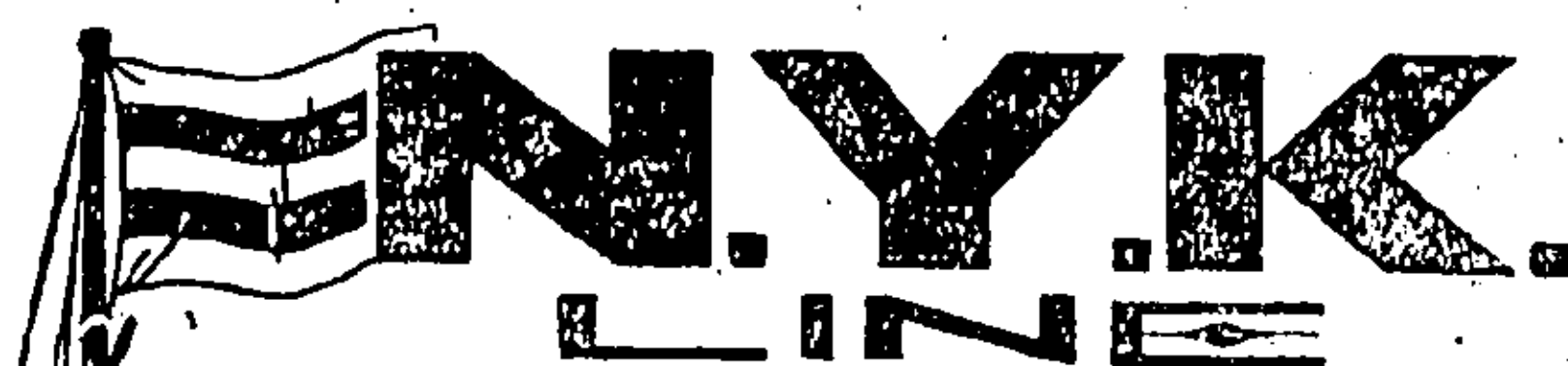
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GUILTY LIPS.

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he has to out-smart them. Well, that's a very brief outline. We'll go over the whole thing in detail later. You're working for me on this job, Mark. Directly under my orders and no one else!

Mark met his glance. "No use to pretend I know what it's all about," he said, "but I'll try to do what you want. How long will I be around?"

"That depends. Ought to make the trip, I should say, in a month or five weeks. We'll see how it works out."

The young man was smiling. "Well, a month in France is certainly no hardship. He able to stop over a day or so in Paris, will it?"

"I'll get a kick out of showing Norma Paris!"

The father pursed his lips. "Certainly you can spend a day or two in Paris. Matter of fact, on the surface this journey is to appear a pleasure trip. You're to do all the things you would if you were on vacation. Jules and Alicia will assume that's why you're there. On this other matter of taking—er, Norma—well, I'm afraid that's out of the question."

"But, Dad—?"

"It will be better for you," his father went on evenly, "and also for your wife if you make this trip alone. In the first place, though you are to seem to be on a pleasure trip, you will really be working. It's a conviction of mine that a man can't keep his mind on business when he's travelling with his wife. Arbitrary ruling of the company. If I let you take Norma along it would be favoritism and I told you there was to be none. On the other hand, she can be more comfortable here. We'll see that everything is done for her. It would please your mother if she'd come to the house and stay with us while you're gone. When this year's ended and you've proven you know how to work—if you do—you and she can take a three or four months' trip abroad and do it properly."

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"Why, five weeks is nothing! Well—do you think you understand your first assignment?"

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"On Monday. Monday morning. By the way, your mother and I would like to have you and Norma come to dinner Saturday evening."

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"Yes, of course."

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"It's I—Frank."

"Come in, dear!"

Travers opened the door. His wife, in a low-cut gown of gray lace, turned from the dressing table and came toward him. "Oh, Frank—" she cried, "did you see him?"

Her husband nodded. He placed a matter-of-fact kiss on her forehead. "I did," he announced. "Everything's settled! He's leaving Monday night!"

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SALE OF WORK AT KOWLOON.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION BY WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Women's Guild attached to the Union Church, Kowloon, held a highly successful sale of work on the playing ground of Diocesan Girls School on Saturday afternoon.

About a half-dozen stalls were laid out with reasonable goods; wool, linen, needle-work and cushions predominating. Coconut shies were well patronized, while brisk business was also done at the ice-cream and aerated waters stall and in the tea and refreshment department.

The sale was opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. R.M. Dyer, who, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the pleasure it gave her, and she wished the function all success.

The Chairman (Rev. Frank Short) congratulated the Women's Guild on past efforts and those to come and tendered to them the thanks of Union Church.

A hearty vote of thanks was expressed to Mrs. Dyer on the call of Mr. A.W. Ingram.

In the absence of Mrs. D.F. Warren who is away from the Colony, the duties devolving on her as President of the Guild, were assumed by Mrs. A.M. Holland, Vice-President.

Forayth, Mrs. Groundwater and Mrs. N. Nelson, who were responsible for much of the work behind the sale.

The Helpers.

A list of the stalls and helpers follows:

Work Stall.—Messdames A. W. Ingram and Short, and the Misses R. Ingram and McCall.

Toy and Fancy Goods.—Messdames Forayth, Cornelius, and Miss Groundwater.

"Woolies"—Mrs. Wm. Johnston, J. Macintosh, Scott, and Sweeney.

White Elephant and Side Shows.—The Young People's Society.

Sweet Stall.—Messdames Watson and Orr.

Ice and Cold Drinks.—Messdames Lawrence and Sturgeon.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

First Division.

Arsenal	4	West Ham	1
Birmingham	2	Leicester	0
Blackburn	4	Middlesbrough	2
Blackpool	1	Wednesday	1
Derby	1	Newcastle	2
Everton	7	Chelsea	1
Manchester C.	4	Grimaby	1
Portsmouth	3	Huddersfield	1
Sheffield U.	4	Bolton	0
Sunderland	1	Liverpool	3
West Brom.	3	Aston Villa	0

Second Division.

Barnsley	1	Stoke	0
Bradford C.	1	Burnley	2
Bristol C.	0	Bradford	0
Tottenham	1	Tottenham	1
Hury	4	Preston N. E.	1
Leeds	4	Chesterfield	0
Millwall	5	Charlton	1
Notts County	2	Manchester U.	2
Oldham	1	Wolves	3
Plymouth	2	Notts-Forest	0
Port Vale	3	Southampton	4
Swansea	3		

Third Division (South).

Brentford	0	Norwich	1
Cardiff	0	Queen's P. R.	4
Coventry	4	Clapton O.	2
Exeter	1	Swindon	1
Fulham	2	Mansfield	1
Gillingham	1	Queensy	0
Luton	3	Bristol R.	0
Northampton	1	Bournemouth	1
Reading	3	Crystal Pal.	0
Southend	3	Watford	0
Thames	1	Brighton	2

Third Division (North).

Barrow	4	Rochdale	1
Chester	3	York	0
Darlington	2	Stockport	0
Gateshead	4	Carlisle	0
Hullfax	1	Accrington	0
Hartlepool	0	Tranmere	5
Hull	4	Doncaster	1
Lincoln	7	Southport	0
New Brighton	0	Crewre	1
Walsall	2	Wrexham	0
Wigan	x		x

x Not Played.

Scottish League (First Division).

Aberdeen	1	Kilmarnock	1
Airdrie	2	Cowdenbeath	1
Ayr	1	Hearts	2
Celtic	2	Partick	2
Dundee	4	Motherwell	2
Hamilton	2	Dundee U.	1
Leith	2	Falkirk	1
Queen's Park	4	Morton	1
Rangers	2	Clyde	2
St. Mirren	1	Third Lanark	1

Scottish League (Second Division).

Brechin	2	Arbroath	0
Edinburgh	4	Armadale	6
Dunfermline	3	Boness	1
East Fife	3	Queen O' Stn.	1
East Stirling	5	Forfar	0
Hibernians	4	Albion	1
King's Park	2	Dumbarton	2
Montrose	3	Rath Rovers	4
St. Johnstone	4	Alloa	1
Stenmuir	3	St. Bernards	1

LAST OF SEASON.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN BEAT YORKSHIREMEN.

The match arranged between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Yorkshire Society was played on Saturday afternoon on the K.B. G.C. green and resulted in an easy win for the Club by 29 shots.

Thanks to Mr. Meyer, secretary of the Yorkshire Society and the officials of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

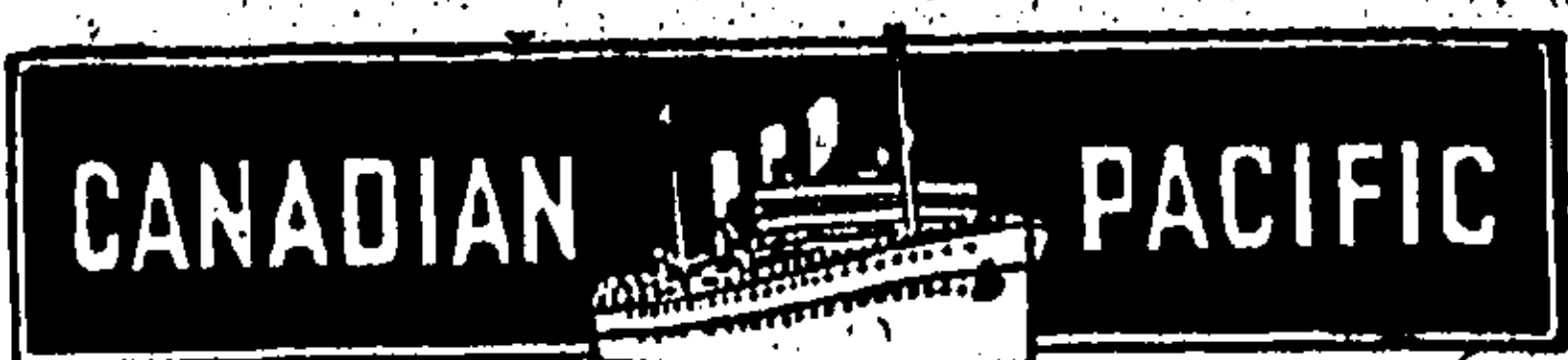
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T. S. West J. G. Meyer.
V. Petherick 26 J. Deakin 13

C. S. Beat H. D. Farrar
T. Ferguson F. Holbrook
H. H. Rose A. Leach
W. S. Drake 29 L. Longbottom 26

H. F. Stoneham J. H. Shaw
B. Wylie F. J. Ramskill
R. S. Nichol V. Sorby
G. Thompson 25 J. A. Howe 12

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AGROUND.

Only sterling co-operation all round prevented loss of life attending the wreck of H.M.S. Petersfield on Tung Yung Island, near Foochow on Thursday morning, and the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, took a hand in lowering the boats that conveyed those on board to the shore. With the Admiral and the Petersfield's men on board, H.M.S. Suffolk arrived in Hongkong yesterday morning.

The Petersfield struck in the early morning and although handicapped by a pitch black night and dense fog, all hands turned out irrespective of station. While the engine room staff strove to keep the electric service functioning to maintain the wireless, Sir Howard Kelly supervised the abandoning of the ship and even assisted in lowering the lifeboats.

The dangers of shipwreck were overcome without a single injury, due to the strenuous work of all, despite almost continuous duty. Very little in the way of the men's personal effects was lost.

Fog Encountered.

The Petersfield slipped out from Shanghai early on Monday morning, bound for Foochow, where a call was scheduled before going to Hongkong. Fine weather replaced the earlier fog and the voyage was without incident until noon on Tuesday when a message was flashed out from the Steep Island Lighthouse to go to the assistance of a junk in distress. Choppy seas prevented the craft

being taken in tow, but the crew was taken off and landed at the first fishing village.

A fresh north-easterly was sweeping the seas and owing to the weather conditions, the Petersfield was compelled to drop anchor at 4.10 p.m. on Tuesday. The vessel spent the night at anchor and early on Wednesday continued the trip to Foochow.

Fog set in during the day to make the task more difficult, and in view of the heavy weather and the exceptionally dark night, the speed was eased at 1 a.m. on Thursday. Carefully the ship picked her way through the fog with the crew busy taking soundings. Rocks were sighted on the port side about 2.40 a.m. and almost simultaneously came a jar that shook the vessel. The engines were immediately ordered full speed astern but a handicap was encountered here as the port engine had been disabled by the propeller striking a rock.

Heavy Seas.

The ship was on the weather side of the island of Tung Yung, broadside on, and securely wedged in the rocks, with shoals showing on both sides, and heavy seas beating against the vessel. For two hours all hands turned to working strenuously to bring the ship off, but it was realised that the vessel was so severely damaged that it was beyond aid and preparations were made to abandon ship. Armed guards were placed in the boats for protection but it was soon found that the villagers on the island were by no means hostile. Lady Kelly, Miss Kelly and a Chinese amah, the only women on board, were in the first boats and were followed by the Chinese servants and mess boys. All available provisions were also landed.

A fresh wind was blowing and

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whipping up the seas over the rocks so that after the crew was landed it was found impossible to attempt any salvage work.

The Petersfield had been badly holed in the impact but although the ship was bumping badly the engine room department stuck to their duty and did well in keeping the electric lights in operation until daylight. This was an important factor in the maintenance of the wireless telegraph, for although the aerial had been damaged, it was repaired and wireless communication was maintained until daylight.

Assistance Arrives.

The first response to the S.O.S. signals came from the German steamer Derfflinger which made all speed to the spot and arrived about 7.10 a.m. The Empress of Asia arrived about an hour later, and information came through that the Suffolk would be in the scene at 5 p.m.

Immediately the Empress of Asia hove in sight, Lady Kelly, Miss Kelly and the amah were taken in the Petersfield's motor boat from the island. The crew stayed on the island.

The efficiency and traditions of the British Navy were well illustrated in the despatch with which the Suffolk reached the scene. When she was ordered to the scene she was only 70 miles from Hongkong and 370 miles from the wreck. Although they had very little time to work up a high speed, the engine room department strenuously and reached full speed in about an hour and maintained it for over 12 hours, reaching the wreck within five minutes of the time originally scheduled.

Transfer by Searchlight.

No time was lost in transferring the Petersfield's men on the island to the Suffolk immediately on her arrival, the work being carried out with the assistance of searchlights from the Suffolk. All the men were transferred to the cruiser with the exception of the armed guard which passed through a long period of duty, remaining on duty from 2.40 until the time of the grounding, until noon on the following day, when they were taken on the Suffolk.

Friday morning broke clearer than the previous days and with the seas calmer, parties were sent on to the Petersfield to salvage the valuable equipment.

The men on the Petersfield did not lose much of their kit and no injuries were sustained. The Suffolk left the spot on Friday afternoon leaving the wrecked ship well awash at high tide and with the upper deck showing at low tide.

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All claims must be sent to the undersigned, before the Friday, the 20th November, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Godard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 17th November, 1931.

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R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1931.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 3rd December, 1931, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th November, 1931, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Godard and Douglas.

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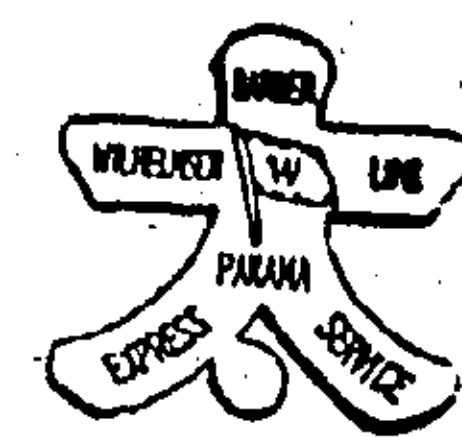
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NANKIN	7,000	7th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka
SANTHA	8,000	18th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KARMA	9,000	18th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko & Yoko

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CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
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FELIX ROUSSEL.....	8th Dec.	SPHINX.....	9th Dec.
G. METZINGER.....	22nd Dec.	PORTHOUS.....	23rd Dec.
SPHINX.....	5th Jan.	CHENONCEAUX.....	5th Jan.
PORTHOUS.....	19th Jan.	ATHOS II.....	20th Jan.
CHENONCEAUX.....	2nd Feb.	D'ARTAGNAN.....	3rd Feb.
ATHOS II.....	16th Feb.	ANDRE LEBON.....	17th Feb.
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.

Under the influence of higher
exchange the entire list opened this
morning at a lower level.

Unions were done at \$400.

Providents (old) were obtainable at

\$5.20. The new shares were in de-
mand at \$2.25.
Hotels (old) were sellers at \$14.65.
H.K. Lands were wanted at \$79 1/2.
Ranlies were in the market at \$12.
Trams were in demand at \$20.40.
H.K. Electrica were wanted at \$75.
Telephones (part paid) had sellers
at \$20 1/2.
Watsons could have been obtained
at \$10.
H.K. Government Loan was wanted
at \$2 1/2 premium.

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SILVER-GOLD ALLIANCE.

MR. L. S. AMERY'S
NEW PLEA.

BANK RESERVES.

London, Nov. 16.
A powerful plea that the
leading central banks be
authorised to include silver
as part of their currency re-
serves up to some fixed pro-
portion of the total, is made
by the Hon. Mr. L. S. Amery
in the *Financial Times*.

It will be unnecessary, he con-
tends, to re-establish any complete
scheme of bimetallicism for even
were silver only held at the market
price, the mere fact the banks
were holding considerable volumes
of it, would tend to maintain a re-
asonably high and stable price for
the metal.

This would be helpful in coun-
teracting the effects of the mal-
distribution of gold, and would
also correct the impending de-
ficiency of gold. The inclusion
of a fixed ratio in the scheme
would secure permanent exchange
stability with the Far East, and
would, at the same, help India.
—*Reuter*.

FIRE STATION "HOSPITALITY."

MAN BOUND OVER AT
KOWLOON.

Ngau Ying, who was found
sleeping in the cook's quarters at
the Kowloon Fire Station when a
search was made following a rob-
bery at the Station on Saturday
morning, was again produced at
the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning before Mr. Fraser.

The prosecution was satisfied
that the defendant had nothing
to do with the robbery. He had
a clansman working at the Fire
Station as a fireman. He was
visiting this clansman on Friday
and stayed there until it was too
late to leave, with the result that
he stayed overnight.

His Worship bound him over
in the sum of \$25.

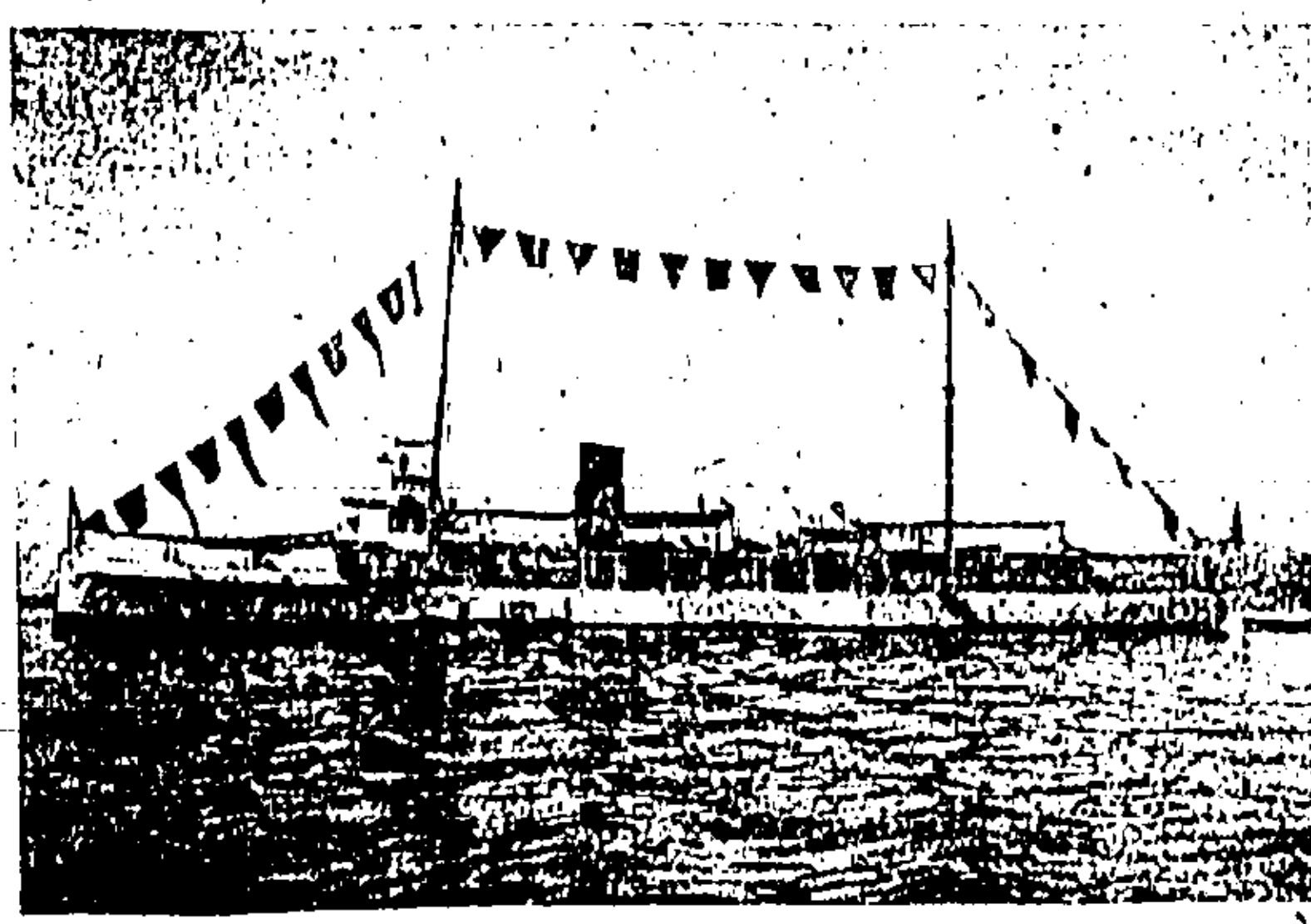
MARINE COURT.

WOMEN ABOARD DUTCH
STEAMER.

Two women, described as of
ill-repute, were charged at the
Marine Court before Commr.
Hole this morning with board-
ing the Dutch steamer *Tisaraoca* with-
out the permission of the master
or the officer on duty yesterday.

Sergeant Riddell, who prosecut-
ed, said the steamer was lying
alongside the A.P.C. Wharf at
Quarry Bay at the time. Defen-
dants were found on board,
and it was discovered that they
had no permission to board the
vessel.

His Worship imposed a fine of
\$50 in each case.



A photograph of H. M. S. Petersfield in "dress parade," taken in Hongkong some little time back.

"DEAR BRUTUS."

CLEVER PRODUCTION
BY THE A.D.C.
A BIG SUCCESS.

Those who are not too familiar
with Sir J. M. Barrie's works,
might well be excused if they look
upon his play "Dear Brutus,"
which is now being produced by
the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic
Company, as something slightly
fantastic. The players them-
selves give one the impression that
they are rather incredulous about
it, and this air of unreality has
its value, inasmuch as it prevents
them from attempting to make the
story stereotyped.

Frankly, "Dear Brutus," which
attracted a large audience at the
opening night on Saturday, is a
well produced and acted comedy,
with but few blemishes. And as
the faults are not incapable of
being remedied, the succeeding
presentations can be expected to
satisfy even the most carping
critic.

Barrie has given the players
some difficult and complex
characters to express. The cun-
ning Lob, with his ostentatious
foolery, behind which he masks a
mind from which evolves the
scheme for giving his guests the
greatest experience of their lives:
the amorous, self-conceited and
prigish Purdie, the pathetically
joyous "Might-have been" Mar-
garet. All of these demand
extremely delicate treatment in
order to give to them their full
meaning and value, and because
they receive this attention by
the capable members of the
A.D.C., "Dear Brutus" must
remain one of the most success-
ful productions in the long
history of the Club.

Betty Fair can boast of one of
the most impressive debuts ever
made by a local player. As
Margaret, the would-have-been
child of the artist, had he have
lived his life in the manner he
really desired, she revealed
remarkable histrionic abilities,
and throughout the long scene
with her father in the second act.

when she had to pronounce naive
childish philosophy, and interpret
the characteristics of an "un-
usual" child, she held the audience
in a manner which signalled a
brilliant success.

Splendid work came from
Sydney West as the eccentric old
Lob, who weaved the charms (?)
of a second chance in life to all
his guests, while Maurice Barton
as Purdie, whose complex (and
vaguely defined) emotions of love,
made one feel almost uncomfort-
able, was one of the outstanding
players.

Alec Gray is a newcomer to the
local footlights, but now that we
have seen his capabilities, we shall
be looking forward to his next
appearance. His characterisation
of Dearth, the "might-have-been"
artist, who missed love and
success because he took the wrong
turning (though the author does
not explain if he did so intention-
ally), was quite masterly, and he
was perfectly admirable in the
woodland scene.

The supporting cast, which was
not a really supporting cast as
they all stood out, in their
respective lights, as artists of no
mean ability, fully came up to
expectations. Eric Brooks, as the
butler, was a trifle strained. It
was a pity, too, that the producer
allowed the whole cast to "come
round" from experiencing their
Second Chance of Life, in precise-
ly the same manner, the same
gestures and the same "Where am
I?" sort of expression.

The settings were up to tip-top
standard, particularly the second
scene in the "Wood of the Second
Chance."

The incidental music was not a
success, and a better choice of
selections can well be made for
the next four performances.

Mr. Rupert Foster must, how-
ever, be congratulated on the
success of his production. While
he may have failed in a few points,
he has put brilliant direction into
the better part of the show, and
he, and his public, can look back
at "Dear Brutus" with feelings of
real satisfaction.

There will be further perform-
ances on Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday and Saturday nights and a
matinee on Wednesday at 5.15 p.m.
—S.A.G.

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SEMI-FINALISTS DECIDED
YESTERDAY.

As a result of yesterday's play, Dr.
Cogan, E. da Rosa, F. E. Remedios
and G. Russell enter the semi-final of
the Kowloon Golf Club Championship.
The results of yesterday's matches
were:
— Dr. J. E. Cogan beat W. Taylor
5 & 3.
E. D. da Rosa beat J. McKelvie
6 & 4.
F. E. Remedios beat A. T. Braloy
1 up.
G. Russell beat J. D. Thomson
7 and 6.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

KOWLOON DEFEAT S.W.B. BY
SEVEN WICKETS.

Playing at King's Park, the South
Wales Borderers were defeated by the
Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI by seven
wickets. Despite a good start by
do Winton (28) and Wales (24), the
Borderers only totalled 104. Put on
late, White captured three wickets in
one over for only one run.
The home team passed this total
with seven wickets to spare, thanks
to a good innings by Lawrence (45).
Smith contributed 31. The later
batmen did not come off, however,
and when stumps were drawn, the
home team had made 132 for nine
wickets. Capt. Wales captured four
wickets for eight runs, and Hoskins
four for 13.